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The Editor's Page

All Are Not Alike

A recent television broadcast featured a deaf man who, it was said, could hear nothing whatsoever. Yet he handled a business position of an executive type. He was shown in the program taking a telephone call. His secretary used the receiver to hear what was said by the other person on the phone, then she told the deaf man what she had heard. He read her lips and, having gotten the message that way, he then went ahead and spoke into the mouthpiece of the phone in answer. In this way he handled phone calls at any time. Which was good and well.

Then he went on to say that lip reading is easy and that any deaf person could learn lip reading and do as he does, "if he has a good head and a sound body."

It would make as much sense if Babe Ruth, after having made 60 home runs in one season for an all-time record, should have gotten up and said, "Hitting home runs is easy, and any ball player can learn to do it if he has a good head and a sound body."

But it's not as simple as that. If it really was that simple, all ball players would be home run experts, but they aren't. Most of them may be expert players in other respects, but plenty mediocre in the home run department.

And so it is with lip reading. There are a few experts, but the rank and file have just ordinary skill in the art.

—NGS.

Life Fee Increased

Persons contemplating joining the N.A.D. — and this should include all the deaf — are reminded that on January 1st the Life Membership fee becomes \$20.00. The present fee of \$15.00 lasts only until midnight of December 31st, so there is little time left for anyone desiring to get in at the lower rate.

\$20.00 is still a very small charge for life membership in any organization. This fee was set by action of the membership at the 1952 convention, but the next convention will likely see it raised again. The N.A.D. is probably the only organization in existence carrying on an active program which maintains a life membership fee as low as this.

In return for the \$20.00 fee, life members receive copies of convention proceedings, and it is hoped that the Association soon will be able to distribute its monthly News Service Bulletin among them. These publications and the postage they require, plus the necessity of maintaining address lists, use up the entire fee of a life long

member long before his membership "expires" and service he receives thereafter comes at the expense of the N. A. D. This is the reason the Association has been gradually raising its life membership fees, and it will probably continue to do so until it at least breaks even. So anyone desiring a "bargain" would do well to send in his application for life membership before it goes still higher.

Incidentally, the entire membership structure of the N.A.D. is set at a figure too low to sustain the work of the Association, and this is one reason it is found necessary to hold rallies and to solicit contributions to augment the funds.

Annual membership is but two dollars — a fee someone has described as equivalent to the tips a member gives the bell boys at a convention. If every deaf person would join at two dollars per year, however, the Association would have ample funds for all its needs.

The other membership classification is the Century Club, an honorary designation for those contributing one hundred dollars or more to the Association.

Pledges

The report on the N.A.D. page of this number shows a total of \$27,337.50 outstanding in unpaid pledges. Readers probably have noted that the sum grows larger each month, due to the facts that new pledges are being continually added and that an increasing number of pledgers fail to keep up their payments.

Many who have pledged certain amounts to the N.A.D. are faithfully paying up their pledges, while some have not added anything to their initial payments. A pledge to the N.A.D. is a promise to help the cause of all the deaf and those who forget their payments when time comes to pay their monthly bills are urged to come in with a payment.

Doctors as Advisers

If one suffers some ailment in one's physical makeup, one consults a physician. If one desires to enter college for an education, one usually consults college catalogs, friends, teachers, and other sources, but not a physician.

It seems that this is not so with the deaf. Among the many inquiries which come to the N.A.D. office are many from parents of deaf children, seeking information as to where or how their children can be properly educated. Some of these parents have children in oral schools or special day classes and it is frequently found that they placed their

children in these schools on the recommendations of their doctors.

The N.A.D. has no quarrel with such schools equipped to provide an adequate education, but it does object to the theory that a medical expert is qualified to prescribe educational measures. If a school teacher set himself up as a physician, he would find himself in the clutches of the law, yet a teacher is about as well qualified to remove an appendix as a physician is to give advice on how to educate a deaf child.

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A TRIP THROUGH EUROPE AND ISRAEL

By Marcus L. Kenner

AT THE SUGGESTION of Editor B. B. Burnes, I am submitting this narration of a 10 weeks journey for the information and, I hope, delectation of my friends and readers of THE SILENT WORKER. I would not have you think it is intended as a "literary gem." Far from it. A full description might require the entire space of this magazine, so I shall confine myself mainly to the highlights in this daily "log":

JULY 23 — For weeks it had been hot and sultry. Then on this day of our departure from N. Y. came the deluge! It just had to rain—and *how!* While in eager anticipation, we also couldn't help feeling sorry for family and friends who braved that drenching rain to bid us "Bon Voyage!" The liner, "Liberté," scheduled to sail at noon, finally got under way at 3 p.m. and there came a sudden tug at the heart as our native shore faded in the distance. Incidentally, our party of 6, Mrs. Kenner and I, Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Fischer, Mrs. Vera Berzon, Miss Zelda Bornstein, was joined by a 7th member, Mr. Jacques Amiel of Denver, Colorado. At our 1st evening meal aboard, a bottle of champagne greeted us, — a gift from my Florida brother and wife. The service was par excellence.

JULY 24 — Uneventful, except for an unexpected Radiogram received, announcing birth of a daughter, Barbara, to Mr. and Mrs. Philip M. Leeds of N. Y.

JULY 25 — 1st life boat drill and our deck steward showed us around the innards of the ship. Fortunately, none of us came down (or up) with *mal de mer*. Still, we were fortified with drama-mine pills — just in case.

JULY 26 — While Ludwig Fischer was playing deck tennis, the ship gave a sudden lurch and he fell, spraining his left hand. Seems that he forgot his age.

JULY 27 — Gala Dinner given by the Captain. What with morning bouillon, afternoon ice-cream and tea, plus 3 hearty meals daily, it is quite difficult to "reduce" when so many tempting dishes are placed before one's hungry gaze.

JULY 29 — Nearing Plymouth, ENGLAND. Arose at the unholy hour of 3:15 for packing and breakfast at 4:30 a.m. Embarked at 5 — via Boat-train, Cornish-Rivera Express, thru Exeter, by English Channel, Taunton, Westbury,

"U. N." Group, comprising visitors from the U. S., Germany, Austria, Spain, and Italy, in front of Hotel DeVille, Brussels, Belgium."

Marcus L. Kenner and Mario Santin were requested by President Burnes of the National Association of the Deaf to represent the Association at the International Games and at a meeting of the Bureau of the World Federation of the Deaf, meeting in Brussels. Mr. Kenner's visit to Europe brought the following letter from A. Dresse, Vice President of the Royale Federation Sportive des Sourds-Muets of Belgium; translated from the Belgian language:

Liege, October 3, 1953

Dear President Burnes:

I have the pleasure of letting you know that the 7th International Convention of Deaf is very happy at having been able to gain the participation of so many American supporters.

The Committee especially wishes to thank you for having delegated your distinguished Vice President, Mr. Kenner, who has left such an excellent lasting impression with us and has gained our complete liking.

Will you please accept, Mr. President, the expression of my most cordial regards.

"A. DRESSE"

Reading to London. Rather wet and foggy, so we slipped into a "dry Martini." In the evening the Misses Margaret Smith, Kathleen Neave and Mr. Philip Seymour called, escorting us to The Spurs Club, an oral outfit, where a reception was held in our honor.

JULY 30 — Sightseeing in London in a Rolls-Royce — cynosure of many eyes. Visited the impressive St. Paul's Cathedral, resting place of Lord Nelson, Duke of Wellington and other notables. It revived for me those days of chivalry, of pomp and pageantry, and knighthood in full panoply. Among the

many attractions were "Big Ben," famous doorway of Churchill's residence, 10 Downing St., Buckingham Palace and its constant changing of the Guard, Tower of London and its magnificent crown jewels, etc., protected by its famed "Beefeaters," Hyde Park, the kibitzer's paradise, Piccadilly Circus, which is not a "circus" at all but a circle of streets and avenues in the center of the city. Its traditional 10 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. "tea" tasted good but spoiled our appetites for luncheon and dinner, so refrained from further sipping. In the evening, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Stryker took us for a visit to the Jewish Deaf Association where a reception was tendered in our honor. It has a membership of about 200 and is housed in a spacious Club and Hostel, aided by the hearing community.

JULY 31 — En route through Oxford, visited Stratford-on-Avon and the Shakespeare country. Numerous thatched roofs made of oat straw. These overlap like feathers on a bird and, if well made, last about 40 years. At the Ann Hathaway Cottage we were permitted to handle tankards which are placed on the elbow while drinking.

"His red nose doth show

how oft did he lift his elbow"

Passed Blenheim Palace where Winston Churchill was born.

AUGUST 1 — Accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Stryker, we visited Madame Tussaud's celebrated Wax Museum, then enjoyed a hearty dinner at their house. They are a young, intelligent, couple who haven't given up hope to emigrate to the U.S.A. some day.

AUGUST 2 — With the Strykers visited Whitechapel, which resembles New York's East-side with its conglomeration of wares. Many places still bear the scars of War, evidenced by bombed buildings. Its subway ("underground") impressed us by its cleanliness and clear





Mrs. Kenner with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Stryker in front of Whitehall, London.

electrically-lighted directions. One particular adv. caught my eye by its sage advice: "Don't add years to your life; add life to your years!"

AUGUST 3 — On the way to Windsor Castle, passed the statue of George III, last King of America; Hampton Court Palace, built by Henry VIII, he of six or more wives; Wraybury where King John signed the Magna Carta, 1215, and Eton College.

At Stokes Poges I experienced quite a thrill, walking through its "country churchyard" and standing by the ancient "yew tree" where was written one of my favorite poems, "Gray's Elegy in a Church Yard" —

*"The boast of heraldry, the pomp of pow'r,
And all that beauty, all that wealth e'er gave,
Await alike the inevitable hour:
The paths of glory lead but to the grave."*

Visited Windsor Castle and walked through some of its 900 rooms, especially Grand Hall, where the Queen and Consort sit thru Royal balls. Apropos the Guild Hall (Lord Mayor's office) the Windsor engineers criticized the great Christopher Wren (who designed it) about the weakness of its structure and demanded the addition of 4 more pillars to sustain weight of ceiling. Wren disagreed but, finally, complied. Should you look at them—as we did—you'll see the 4 additional pillars in place but which do *not* touch the ceiling at all!

I asked our guide why everybody in England drives on the *left* side. He replied: "We, English, were the first to make roads, long before you Americans. It's the others who are wrong." I inquired of still another guide who answered: "I suppose because our hearts are on the left side; anyway we're a one-sided people."

AUGUST 4 — In deference to the

The Kenners' New York party. Left to right: Mrs. Ludwig Fischer, Kenner, Mrs. Kenner, Mrs. Vera Berzon, Miss Zelda Bornstein, Mr. Fischer.

ladies, all day devoted to shopping at Selfridge's, etc.

AUGUST 5 — Trip made through Canterbury and its Castle where another favorite poet of mine, Richard Lovelace, wrote: "*Stonewalls do not a prison make, nor iron bars a cage.*"

Driving thru the Kentish hops, where speed is regulated, I spotted a road traffic sign, "End of prohibition"! The printing fraternity should be interested in Maidstone, where Caxton, the first printer lived.

AUGUST 6 — Paid my respects to the American Embassy, where I deposited a quantity of N.A.D. literature for distribution. Incidentally, at request of the NAD, Mr. Mario Santin and I were supplied with copies of a circular Airmgram, signed by Secretary Dulles, asking all Embassies and Consulates "to extend courtesies and assistance when requested."

AUGUST 7 — At leisure in London. In evening, Mr. and Mrs. Stryker called to bid us goodbye. Seeing us off for HOLLAND were Mr. and Mrs. Pritchard and children.

AUGUST 8 — Left on the H.M.S. "Queen Emma." (Crossing the English Channel, 1940-6, this ship was in service of the British Admiralty and took part in raids on Dieppe and landings in North Africa; also assisted in war against Japan.) The Channel was unusually calm. Yet, Ludwig Fischer while taking a cat-nap woke up with a startled look to find that he was sitting right in front of a loud-speaker amplifier!

In the evening there called at our Hotel des Indes, Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Van Langeraad, friends of our friend, Mr. Kelly Stevens of Austin, Texas.

AUGUST 9 — HOLLAND is flat as a pancake and our guide took pride in pointing out any little hill we passed by. Quaint and picturesque. One is more apt to be run over by the thousands of bicycles, rather than the few taxis, manipulated by old and young. They are of

all varieties, many provided with little seats, fore and aft, so that the entire family is carried. We were impressed by the canals, flowing past high-gabled houses, the dikes and the windmills. * * * Visited the islands of Marken (100% Protestant) where the inhabitants mostly intermarry so they all look pretty much the same; also *Vollendam* (100% Catholic) where the fishermen wear baggy pants and all women dress in about the same pattern to avoid envy! (Miss and Mrs. America, how would you like that?)

In *Amsterdam* which had a Jewish population of 100,000 before the War (now only 12,000) we saw the naked walls and gaping holes of its beautiful Jewish synagogue — a grim reminder of Nazi senseless savagery. Passed the statue and town house of the philosopher, Spinoza. Visited Ryk's Museum, which exhibits Rembrandt's "The Night Watch."

In 1600, ships left for Java from the "Weeping Tower," so called because at that spot all the women were standing, waving their fishermen-husbands farewell, and crying. A captain once remarked to our guide: "Why, for heaven's sake, women surely have changed now. They're also crying when their husbands come home."

AUGUST 10 — With Herr Van Langeraad visited the "Panorama" of the Hague as it existed in 1800. Then to *Scheveningen*, fashionable beach resort, where we swam in the North Sea. Later in afternoon, we were guests at the Langeraad abode where we met Mr. and Mrs. G. Zoet. Mr. Zoet is a former President of the Hague Deaf Club of Netherlands. About 8000 deaf persons reside there. Mr. Langeraad, our genial guide, is an interior designer and, tho deaf, is considered an authority on antiques, being frequently consulted by the wealthy. One of his paintings was exhibited at the International Art Show, sponsored by the NAD in N.Y., 1934.



Another guest present was Mrs. Tilly G. Ellers, our English interpreter. She asked me to proclaim to all and sundry that the women in Holland are "very clean." Told her that we in America know that. Not for nothing are we using "Dutch Cleanser." (free adv.)

AUGUST 11 — Morning tour of the Hague, accompanied by Herr Van Langeraad. Passed by many new housing projects on sites of those bombed during the *War*. What irony, — we also saw the *Peace Palace*. At noon time he bid us a final farewell. On our last afternoon in The Hague, my Missus decided to do some shopping. Unknowingly, we crossed against the traffic lights and were gently admonished by the cop on spot. After promising to be good, we inquired of him directions to a certain "arcade." While trying to explain what we wanted, a small crowd collected. Up bobbed a buxom Dutch hausfrau, Mrs. Malta, whose parents are deaf and, via the American Manual Alphabet, asked if she could assist us. Ascertaining our wish, the cop escorted us to the desired destination, just around the corner. That's Dutch courtesy for you! * * * Incidentally, the popular "dutch treat" is not a Dutch custom at all. Curiously, over there, when practised, it is often called "American treat." Biefstuk, a kind of filet mignon, is one of its food specialties.

AUGUST 12 — Left for BELGIUM. En route, who should step into our R.R. compartment but a stalwart American soldier, stationed in Germany, and on his vacation. He imparted the information that he hails from Brooklyn, N.Y. and favors the "Giants"!

Arriving in *Brussels* we were greeted at station by Messrs. S. Robey Burns, Chicago, and Henri Opdecain, Vice Pres. Royale Federation and Chairman of Sports. Mario Santin and I, as representatives of the NAD, attended a meeting of the "World Federation of the Deaf," composed of Executives of some

20 nations. The discussions, in which we participated to some extent, were quite animated and centered around welding all national organizations into one common bond. Its next Convention will be held in Bled, Yugoslavia, Sept., 1955. Finally met two of my old-time correspondents, Monsieur Antoine Dressé, President, Royale Federation Sportive des Sourds-Muets de Belgique and M. E. Rubens-Alcaise, occupying a like post in France. * * * In evening, visited Brussels Club of the Deaf. Quite nice quarters; boasts of a soft-drink bar and an open court-yard. The deaf there, hailing from all over Europe, were continually casting glances at the "Americans." All appeared to regard us with admiration and about a dozen sought our assistance to obtain permission to immigrate or locate long-sought relatives in the U.S.A.

AUGUST 13 — One does not visit Brussels without a look at its celebrated "Manikin Pis." Long ago, so it's related, King Leopold's son was lost in the forest. His distraught nurse, making a frantic search for the little Prince, finally located him naked and "doing his duty." The King was so grateful that he had statues made of him, in evidence all over Belgium. * * * Took trip to *Ghent*. Lot of bombings by Nazis. All windmills destroyed with exception of a solitary one, preserved as museum piece. Visited the Cathedral of St. Bavo, built in 1600.

AUGUST 14 — Inspection tour of the Institute Royal pour Sourds-muets at Avengles, established 1835. Has 400 male pupils, orally taught, but signs are permitted out of classes. It is one of the largest in Europe, having all the latest innovations. Our "guide" there was Brother Majorin Wolurve, a friend of the Rundes, California.

AUGUST 15 — Official opening of 7th International Games of the Deaf. We were favored with good seats, near the "royal chair" in which sat, (in place



Holland hosts: Mrs. Tilly Ellers, P. L. Van Langeraad, Mrs. Van Langeraad, G. Zoet.

of absent King Baudouin), Lt. Colonel Rombant, Commandant of the Royal Palace. Since a full account of the games will be submitted by our Sports Editor, I'll refrain from poaching on his preserves. However, I want to toss a bouquet in the direction of Hon. M. F. Matthys, Chief Inspector, Ministry of Public Health and President of the Organizing Committee, a great friend of the Belgian deaf—and born in Chicago! He said to me: "I must express my admiration for your American athletes. Tho defeated in basketball they excelled in the other games, proving that they are real athletes." Also, quoting from a letter to S. Robey Burns: "After these games I'm going to try to provoke interest in Belgium towards a better education for the Deaf. I've contacted a nun in Denmark and one in England." And, at his request, I also introduced him to Miss Bothwell, teacher of deaf at the Jacksonville, Ill. School. * * *

AUGUST 16 — The official Reception given by the City of Brussels was held at the world-renowned Hotel de Ville. Two of the shining lights we met were Fraulein Albertine Gilessen of Aachen, Germany and Inge Langemeir of Linz, Austria.

AUGUST 17 — Mrs. K. and I, and S. Robey Burns were guests at a private dinner tendered by Mons. Antoine Dressé, President of the Sportive Federation and one of the most zealous workers for the deaf. While grateful to him for numerous courtesies extended, I take it that this was a tribute not so much to me personally as to the NAD which I represented. S. Robey Burns, as head of the American sports delegation, also came in for his share of honors.

AUGUST 18 — In the evening, a Theatrical Show was given. Folklore dances by the Yugoslavians, humorous imita-



A group of officers of the World Federation of the Deaf, flanked by Mr. and Mrs. Kenner and Mario Santin (far right).



A group of young thespians of Israel.

tions by a French "Sid Caesar" and a play by group of German deaf.

AUGUST 19 — Close of Program, Banquet and awarding of prizes. Among the 1500 or so present and out of 40 Americans, I was able to obtain the names of the following:

S. Robey Burns, Chicago, Ill., Mario Santin, N.Y., J. Chudziwicz, Robert H. Popp, and Mrs. Frieda B. Meagher, Chicago; Moses A. Medez, St. Louis, Phil. L. Sheridan, Berkeley, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. J. Cordano, St. Joseph, Mich., Mrs. Edna E. Carlson, Geneva, Ill., Rev. J. S. Light, Boston, Mass., Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Shaw, Houston, Texas, Peter D. Stewart, Regina, Canada, Harry S. Suckle, Phila., Pa., J. C. Dolph, Erie, Pa., Mr. and Mrs. Chas. D. Russell, Los Angeles, Calif., J. T. Rule, Jr., Boston, Mass., Frank R. Kearns, Jr. Milwaukee, Wisc., Miss Hazel Bothwell, Jacksonville, Ill., Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Fischer, Mrs. Vera Berzon, Zelda Bornstein, Mrs. Kenner and self, all of N. Y.

AUGUST 20 — Our next destination was SWITZERLAND, via train thru France. The sudden French R.R. strike compelled us to fly via Sabena direct to Zurich where we had an hour's glimpse of the lovely city ere boarding train for Lucerne. We reached it late in evening, not too tired to be captivated by the exquisite beauty of shimmering Lake Lucerne, twinkling lights below and the silvery moon which just happened to top Mt. Pilatus.

AUGUST 21 — Despite a rainy afternoon we went on a shopping spree and to take in the local sights. Paid our respects to the famous "Lion of Lucerne" in the main park.

AUGUST 22 — Our car called to drive us to Interlaken. The sun relented and joined our company as we "crossed" the Alps and "climbed" the Furka Pass, 8000 feet high, revealing a sweeping panorama of lake and Alpine mountain

scenery. Visited the Ice Grotto of Rhone Glacier. Brrrrr . . . it was real cold and in the month of August! — an unforgettable experience.

AUGUST 23 — Our next thrilling adventure was to the top of the famed Jungfrau, — a matter of 13,642 feet, changing trains 3 times in our upward climb. As we made the ascent, we frequently had to wipe the heavily frosted window pane of our car to enable us to take in the scenery, which took 3 hours each way. The English language is bankrupt for adjectives to describe the stupendous beauty as seen from this height, — a vast world at our feet, surrounded by eternal snows! * * * Incidentally, one of our most helpful agents was Miss Chiarino Legana, Branch Manager of our Swiss Agent, Bucher & Co., a young intelligent fraulein who speaks 5 languages fluently and has just added a 6th one, — the American Manual Alphabet. (Tip: ask for her on your visit.) In the evening we traversed the streets of Interlaken, affording us a good glimpse of Swiss family life. Next morning, charming Chiarino Legana escorted us to the train for Venice.

AUGUST 24 — Sitting in our R.R. compartment on way to ITALY. Incidentally, Swiss trains are finest imaginable. Best of all, we could open our picture windows with greatest of ease. Like Swiss watches, they are a marvel of precision.

O Sole mio! — Past famed Lake Como to Milan where we were met by Senorita Rubino and some others and taken for an hour's whirlwind tour of the city. Then we boarded the train for romantic Venice, possessing a fascination all its own. Arriving there in evening, we were transported with baggage in a motorized "taxi," up the Canal, by the light of a silvery moon, direct to our Hotel Europa.

AUGUST 25 — Visited the Basilica of

St. Marks, Clock Tower, the Campanile, and the Palace of the Doges. Then we enjoyed a gondola ride up the Canal, gliding past many palaces shut down, due to the fortunes of war. Later we joined the cafe throng on St. Marks piazza and tramped the narrow, winding, shopping streets of Venice.

AUGUST 26 — Taxied via motorized gondola to our De Luxe CIT Motor Coach bound for Florence. Passed thru town of Stra, where once resided Casanova, Napoleon, Emperor Franz Joseph and other personalities, famous and infamous. Here, too, Hitler and Mussolini first met in 1938. * * * Stopped off at Ravenna for luncheon and a look at the tomb of the poet, Dante. Wending our way thru the hills of Appennines and Tuscany, past former battle fields, over the Arno River of World War memory, we finally reached fascinating Florence.

AUGUST 27 — Visited the fabulous Chapel and Mausoleum of the wealthy Medici family. Gazed at the gold Paradise Door by Ghiberti which required 27 years of constant work. The Church of Santa Groce, containing the tombs of Michelangelo, Galileo, Machiavelli, etc. The Pitti Palace, exhibiting a wealth of paintings by the Old Masters that stagger the imagination. * * * Passed the house where the poetess, Elizabeth Barrett Browning, died. In afternoon we were taken for a visit to a Florentine Mosaic School, also the Palazzo Vecchio where, besides priceless art treasures, we entered the secret vaults of the wealthy Medici family, patrons of the arts. * * * Promenading on Michelangelo Square, whom should we meet but Signor Mario Santin of N. Y. Small world, indeed!

AUGUST 28 — Early in morning, we left by CIT Motor Coach over the colorful hill towns of Tuscany and Umbria, via Sienna to Rome. En route, passed large U. S. Military Cemetery where rest our honored dead. Poggibonsi, large center for production of Chianti and where was situated our American front line during World War II, almost destroyed and rebuilt. Through old medieval town of Sienna with its narrow, crooked, and winding streets. Luncheon in Chianciano Terme, a famous Spa. A sudden chilling wind and we found ourselves in town of Orvieto, situated on top of a high mountain. Finally reached Rome and, stepping into our Hotel Continental, whom should we meet besides Signor Santin (as prearranged) but Mr. and Mrs. John Cordano of St. Joseph, Michigan. So the world is still smaller! We remained in Rome just a single day, preparatory to our flight for Israel. With the assistance of Signor Santin, we had a preview of the Eternal City. During the

evening, Mr. and Mrs. John Cordano saw us off on Bus from our Hotel en route to LAI Airport.

AUGUST 30 — 1:30 A.M., winging our way over Greece and the Mediterranean to ISRAEL. The excitement of seeing a new continent proved quite too much for us, sleeping nary a wink. Breakfasted a 5:30 A.M. and about an hour later we finally stepped on the soil of the Holy Land. Greeted at Lydda Airport by a large delegation of the deaf, Mr. and Mrs. M. Gutman (parents of Mrs. Luba G. Rifkin, N.Y.) and Mr. A. Hochwald of Ministry of Social Welfare. A young gal, Miss Eva Pass, presented us with a bouquet and in perfect English bid us welcome. Catching up on some sleep, we visited *Tel Aviv*, bustling city founded 44 years ago by a handful of Jewish families. From plain stretches of barren sands has been raised a miracle city of 430,000 souls and it is still growing. * * * Drove thru Jaffa, which has recently been annexed to Tel Aviv. Many of its Arab dumps have been converted to modern housing projects. In the evening we were the dinner guests of the parents of Mrs. Rifkin.

AUGUST 31 — An official reception was tendered to us by Hon. Charles Levanon, Mayor of Tel Aviv-Jaffa, who was interested in hearing about conditions among the deaf of U.S. Explained as fully as possible and expressed hope he'd assist in securing a Community Center for the deaf of Tel Aviv, similar to ours in New York City.

On same evening we were honored with a large public Reception given by the Association of the Deaf in Israel, attended by 250 persons who were seated in an open air "stadium." Our entrance was greeted with a standing ovation which greatly moved us. After the customary speeches of welcome, I tendered the greetings of the American deaf. A fine comedy skit by budding talent and light refreshments followed. We were deluged with inquiries regarding friends in the U.S. and it was with great regret that we had to tear ourselves away to a waiting taxi for our hotel.

SEPTEMBER 1 — Arose at an early hour to continue our journey to the Galilee, Natanya, Caesarea, built in 34 B.C. where we saw the remains of the Roman "Hippodrome," Carmelite Monastery, and the Bahai Temple. This is the world-centre of the Monotheistic religion and, strange as it may seem, includes most of its adherents in the U.S., especially Chicago.

Haiifa impressed us as a hustling city with the biggest port in Israel. The view from top of Mt. Carmel at night revealed an enchanting panorama of the city that was simply dazzling.

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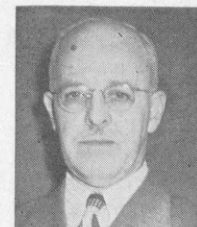
QUESTIONS AND OPINIONS

on

Parliamentary Procedure

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Questions of Order — Continued:

(b) If the member who raised to a point of order is not satisfied with the decision of the Chair, he may object to it and have the question decided by the assembly. That is, he may say, "Mr. President (or Mr. Chairman), I appeal from the decision of the Chair." Recognition is not necessary, but a second is required. It is undebatable if in connection with breach of decorum in debate, rules or orders. The Chair, then states the reasons for his ruling or puts the question to vote immediately, "Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?" Members do not vote on the appeal, but only on the Chair's decision, sustaining or overruling it as they may think justified. It requires a majority vote to reverse the decision. A tie vote sustains the decision. However, if a vote is very close, say by one vote in the negative, the Chair should vote in the affirmative to make a tie, thus sustaining the decision.

Suspension of the Rules—Purpose: To set aside temporarily a rule which interferes with the consideration of a question or any desired action. It applies *only* to Rules of Order and Standing Rules, not Constitution and By-Laws unless expressly specified otherwise. It must be seconded. Undebatable, but it requires a two-thirds vote to suspend Rules of Order, and a majority vote to suspend Standing Rules, both for the same meeting only.

Objection to the Consideration of a Question—Purpose: To enable the assembly to suppress or avoid any irrelevant, frivolous, unprofitable or contentious matter. It does not require a second. It is undebatable. It applies only to an original main motion. It must be made before debate. It is in order when another member has the floor. An objector does not have to obtain the floor to object.

Division of the Assembly—Purpose: To call for a standing vote when there is any doubt as to the accuracy of a *close* vote. A count may be ordered by the Chair or by a majority vote. It does not require a second. It is neither debatable nor amendable. It applies only to votes, not to motions. It does not require a vote to order a standing vote.

Requests Growing Out of Business Pending as: a request for information; for leave to withdraw a motion; to read papers under consideration; to be excused from a duty or any other privi-

lege. It does not require a second. It is neither debatable nor amendable. A vote is not required. But a motion to withdraw may be granted by the Chair or by a majority vote. Remember that until a motion is stated by the Chair, the mover may either withdraw or modify his motion *at will* without the consent of the seconder. When the Chair states it, if there is no objection, it may be withdrawn or modified. But if any member objects, the Chair is obliged to put the question to a vote on granting the request.

Division of a Question and Consideration by Paragraph or Seriatim—Purpose: To avoid voting on independent motions one at a time. It may or may not require a second. It is neither debatable nor amendable. It requires a majority vote. Also: It is used to perfect all paragraphs (*seriatim*) before voting on them. It requires a second. It is neither debatable nor amendable. It requires a majority vote.

Motions Relating to Methods of Making or to Closing or Reopening Nominations—To make or reopen nominations requires a second and a majority vote but to close nominations requires a two-thirds vote. Both are neither debatable nor amendable.

Two Important Unclassified Motions: Take from the Table and Reconsider.

Take from the Table—Purpose: To bring an unfinished question before the assembly which has been laid on the table. It must be seconded. It is neither debatable nor amendable. It requires a majority vote.

Reconsider—Purpose: To regain possession of a question previously voted upon within a limited time. When the vote is reconsidered by a majority vote, it is placed before the assembly in exactly the same form as it was before it was originally voted on. It must be seconded. It is debatable when applied to a debatable motion and when the previous question (close debate and vote now) has *not* been ordered, it opens the involved motions to debate. It may be made *only on the same or following day*. It must be made by one who voted with the prevailing (winning) side. The motion to reconsider is unamendable.

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Virginia Girl is Beauty Queen

By Obie A. Nunn

FAIRY STONE STATE PARK, a beautiful summer resort built by the Civilian Conservation Corps during the first term of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, was the locality where 500 to 600 employees of Standard Garments, Inc., attended a beauty contest in conjunction with a sumptuous picnic luncheon on the 25th of July.

Beginning the day's program, judges were seated in a place of honor and before them strutted 15 beautiful girls, all smiling gaily or flirtatiously; all posturing in such manner as to display their charms with utmost appeal; all striving eagerly to win the judges' approval.

Beauty contests and bathing beauty pageants once were phenomena of the seaside resorts, but in recent years they have become popular everywhere and have become a standard part of the American way of life.

As the charming girls marched in a file past the judges, the reigning beauties were narrowed down to two as the moments progressed and the tension mounted. It was most difficult to choose one for the queen because half of the large crowd gave cheers and whoops first to one and then to the other. However, they were judged according to their poise, their personality and, of course, as to how they would look in a bathing suit.

It was announced that Miss Hylton had been picked and she was asked to come to the front.

Begging somebody to "pinch me — I am dreaming," debutante Violet was judged the beauty queen of the Standard Garments, Inc. Runner-up honors were captured by charming Mrs. Dorothy Sharpe.

Although the judges were startled to learn that Miss Hylton is deaf, they congratulated her. The beauty experts were Tony Remsen, professional photographer, K. L. Thompson, editor of The Martinsville Bulletin, and Mrs. Sam Underwood, a prominent Martinsville woman.

With a smile as warm as the July sun, Miss Hylton took the honors graciously—but with wobbly knees. Mr. Saul Schreibfeder, manager of the company's plants in Martinsville, placed the crown on her. Mrs. Katherine Nunn, a member of the beauty contest committee, pinned a purple orchid on the blonde queen. Excited Violet also received a \$25 savings bond and Mrs. Dorothy Sharpe, runner-up, was awarded a beautiful necklace.

Saul Schreibfeder was described by Miss Hylton as a man with a reputation for integrity, a cheerful disposition, a naturalness, a sympathetic understanding and fatherly love for all his employees.

In a brief speech to the employees, Mr. Schreibfeder thanked them for their "loyalty and constant cooperation during the past year," and urged them "to enjoy this picnic and have a grand time."

As a charming debutante, Miss Hylton made her initial public appearance as the "Homecoming Queen" chosen by the Raiders, the football team at the Virginia School for the Deaf in Staunton, in October, 1951.

During the intermission of the football game between the V.S.D. and the North Carolina School for the Deaf of Morganton, N.C., the Homecoming Queen Hylton rode triumphantly in a swanky automobile around the football field before a large crowd of football fans and students. Professional and amateur photographers were busily shooting pictures of the beautiful Miss Hylton just before a referee whistled for the game to begin.

The thrill of the afternoon turned to a melancholy moment for Violet because her school team lost a hot contest to the favored Tar Heel team. However, she overcame her disappointment and was ready for the wonderful reception awaiting her at the homecoming entertainment that night.



Miss Violet Hylton is crowned by Saul Schreibfeder. Runner-up, Mrs. Dorothy Sharpe, at right.

Preceding the opening of the homecoming dance, Queen Hylton marched down the aisle toward a white draped throne with four "sweet teenage" princesses trailing her slowly. Moments later the home and opposing football teams with their coaches marched in gaily during the carrying-out of the magnificently arranged program.

With a wide smile and dimpled cheeks, Violet said she still had sweet memories of the glory and triumph when, as the "Homecoming Queen," she won the title of the school's most beautiful, talented and charming girl.

Sweet as violets, Violet is 5 feet 6, and weighs 128. Her other winning measurements are a 34 bust, 26 waist, and 39 hips.

A statuesque blonde, Violet is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse E. Hylton, of Woolwine, Patrick County, which is famed for its Delicious apples and beef cattle.

After graduating in June, 1952, the brown-eyed Queen secured employment with the Standard Garments, Inc., on January 7, 1953, working with two other deaf girls, Mrs. Melvin Crews, Jr., and her pal, Miss Virginia Darmon, who graduated at the same time with Violet. Virginia and the reigning beauty live with the latter's brother in Fieldale, four miles from Martinsville, where the company is situated.

Violet's favorite sports are swimming, dancing and basketball, in which she starred in her high school years.

Her favorite diversions are sewing and cooking. "Could your cooking satisfy a man's appetite?" she was asked.

"Indeed, I can cook and I think I can satisfy," Violet asserted, "but I confess my mother is much better."

Miss Hylton as Homecoming Queen at the Virginia School in 1951. L. to r.: Princesses, Launa Shaffer, Betty Jo Robinette, Helen Webb, Betty Drewry.



Schools for the Deaf

R. K. Holcomb

The New Mexico School

By Thomas Dillon

THE STORY OF THE New Mexico School for the Deaf resembles the history of New Mexico in a great many ways. The most striking resemblance is that they both stand today because of the people who believed in them, and who supported their belief with patience, determination and perseverance in their efforts toward progress.

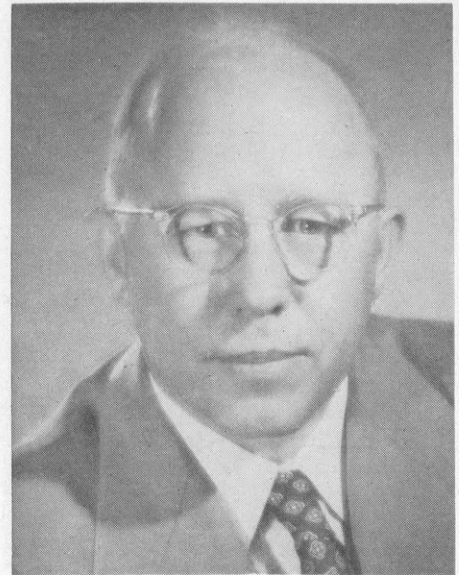
A land rich in beauty, steeped in tradition, unique and ancient by all standards of history, New Mexico is one of the youngest of our forty-eight states, and is just beginning to assume an important role among the older states of this great country. Flags of three great nations have flown over this land, that was once the hunting grounds of many Indian tribes, and covered a territory that included all of what is now the State of Arizona. The people of each of those three nations and the Indians have left a heritage that has been molded to make New Mexico unique.

Thomas Dillon, author of the article on the New Mexico School, is at present the only deaf principal in the United States. He became deaf at the age of twelve. He is a graduate of St. Michael's High School, Santa Fe, of Gallaudet College, and of the University of New Mexico, where he received the M. A. degree. He has also studied at Colorado A & M College. He served two terms as secretary of the Convention of American Instructors of the Deaf, and is at present treasurer of the organization.

Thus it was that Lars M. Larson brought his family to a land of sunshine, beautiful vistas, adobe houses, poco tiempo -- manana will do, red chili and frijole beans in the early summer of 1885. Mr. Larson was a young deaf man, with visions and dreams of starting a school for the deaf, and where was a better place than New Mexico to realize those dreams?

A graduate of Gallaudet College in 1882, Mr. Larson was a native of Wisconsin, and had taught for three years in the Chicago Day School for the Deaf before coming to New Mexico. Immediately after his arrival he set to work on the task that would bring him many heartaches and untold grief in the opening of his first school for the deaf, with five students in the fall of 1885. An adobe house overlooking the Santa Fe River, on what was then the outskirts of the Villa de Santa Fe, served as his first school house. As word of this new school spread, the enrollment slowly grew to fifteen students, who came by horse and buggy from many sections of the territory. Travel at that time was very slow, and it was not uncommon for a family to be on the road as long as a week before arriving in Santa Fe to place their child in school.

There were many instances when parents could not afford the small charge that Mr. Larson found it necessary to make in order to operate his private school. Quite frequently Mr. Larson accepted tuition payments in family grown produce such as dried beans, strings of red chili, goats, and even fresh beef. Contributions from various individuals,

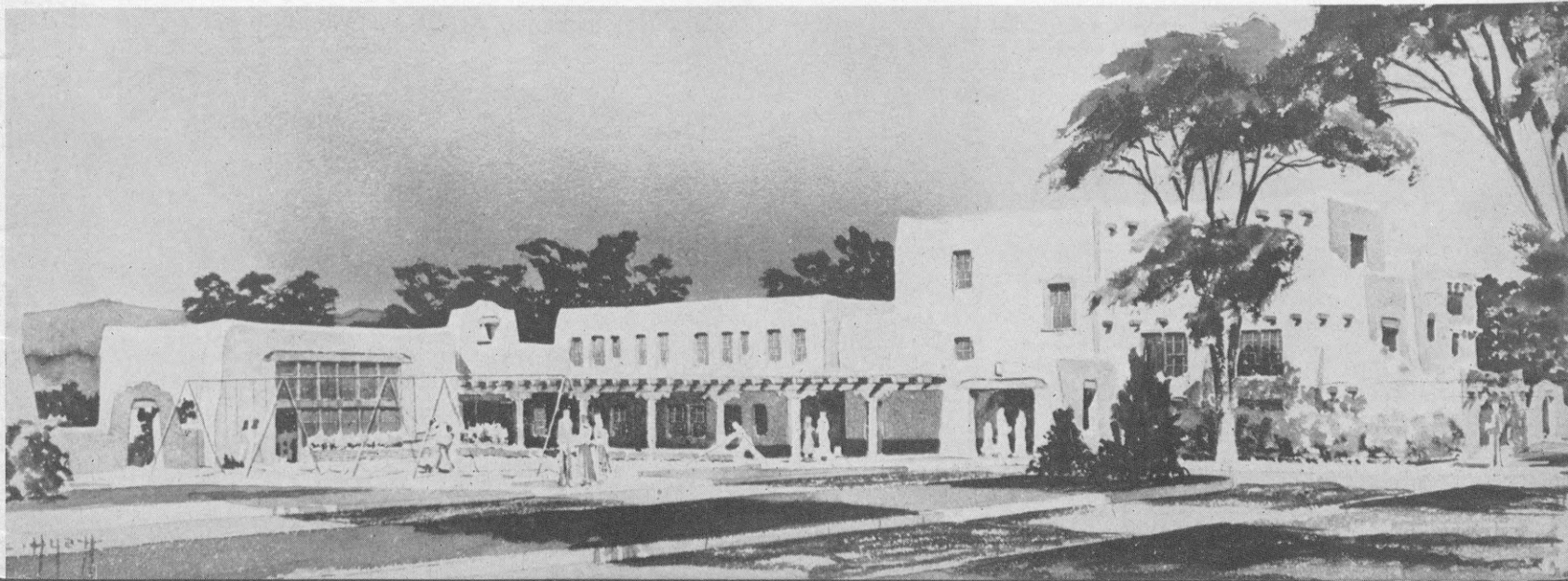


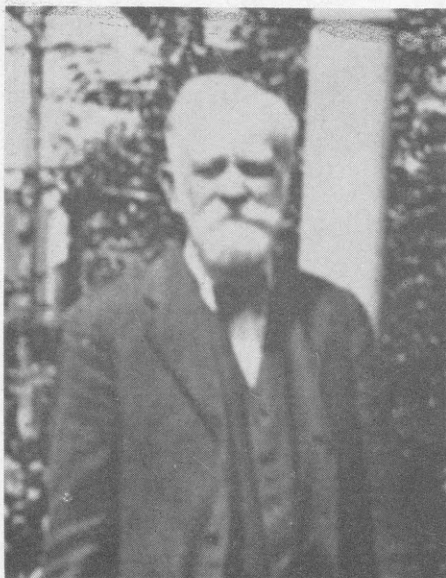
Marshall S. Hester, Superintendent of the New Mexico School, is a graduate of Millsaps College, Mississippi, and of the Gallaudet College Normal Department. He taught at the Iowa School and was teacher, head teacher, and assistant superintendent at the California School before going to New Mexico. He has held numerous offices of responsibility in the profession, among them membership on the Board of Directors of the Northern California Council for the Education of Exceptional Children, and Secretary of the California Council of Agencies for the Physically Handicapped.

with Mr. Larson himself leading the list, had an important part in keeping the school open, and in helping many deaf children secure the rudiments of an education.

It has been said that Mr. Larson was a missionary at heart, which he must have been, but he was also a philanthropist, giving liberally of his time, money and effort. That he had no intention of setting up a school from which he could realize a financial profit is attested by the fact that he immediately began work to arouse interest in the plight of the deaf children, and the need of a publicly supported school for them. His unceasing efforts in this respect brought about an act of the Territorial Legislature establishing a territorial school

Architect's sketch of Cartwright Hall and the new annex which was completed last summer.





The late Lars M. Larson, deaf founder and first superintendent of the New Mexico School.

for the deaf, to be known as the New Mexico Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb. This Act received final approval on February 24, 1887, and placed a committee of three in charge of the school. This committee appointed Mr. Larson as the first superintendent. With the passage and approval of this Act, the school became the first publicly owned territorial educational institution.

In the territorial days of New Mexico it was a comparatively simple matter to establish most anything by an Act of the Legislature, but an entirely different matter to secure even meagre financial support. It was not until the tax paying railroads came to New Mexico in the late 1890's and early 1900's that the school systems of the Territory had any dependable source of income.

About the time the Territory took over operation of the school arrangements were made to purchase land at the present location. Apparently, a part of this land was purchased by the Territory, and an adjoining tract was purchased by Mr. Larson. The first school building on this site was an old adobe farm house. The school soon outgrew these quarters, and as financial assistance was not forthcoming from the Legislature, Mr. Larson erected a \$5,000 brick school building at his own expense. For some time this building was rented to the Territory for \$25.00 a month, but there were periods when, apparently, no rent at all was paid, and it was a number of years before Mr. Larson was reimbursed for the original cost of the structure.

Through the years the amount of financial support received from the

Territory remained very small, making it necessary to close the school on a number of occasions, and to have irregular school terms at other times. On some of these occasions, Mr. Larson conducted a private school, as was done during the years 1897-98, 1898-1899, and a part of the 1899-1900 school year. The school was again closed from 1901 to 1905. The records do not show that Mr. Larson operated a private school during these years, but he probably did, as he was in charge of the school during the 1905-1906 school year.

Today it is practically impossible for one to understand the difficulties that beset Mr. Larson in his work. Nevertheless, his performance in laying the cornerstone upon which the New Mexico School for the Deaf rests is something for which the people of New Mexico owe their greatest gratitude. The fact that he pioneered the education of the deaf in New Mexico is sufficient reason for all of us to honor him. His patience and perseverance under such trying conditions could have been equaled by few other men.

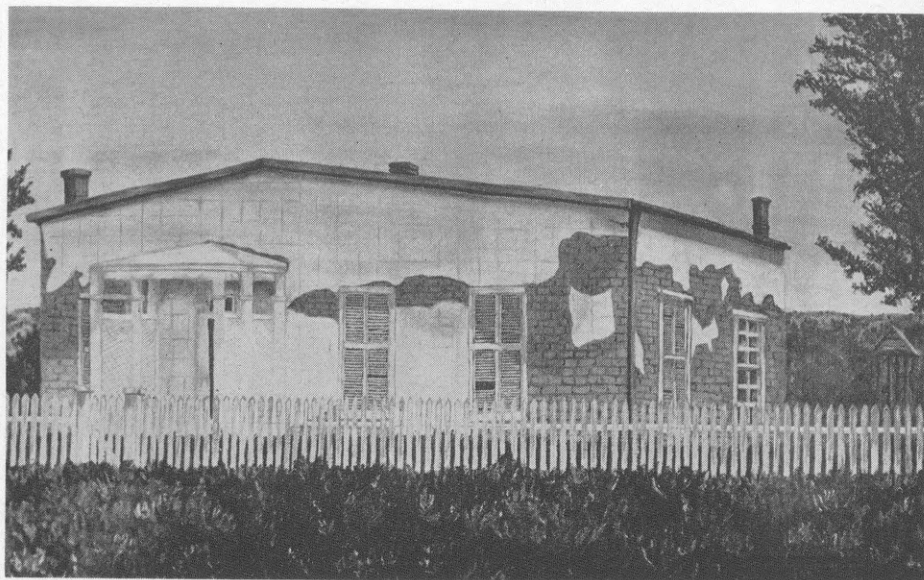
In July, 1906, Mr. Wesley O. Connor, Jr. was appointed superintendent of the school. Mr. Connor was a native of Georgia, where his father was superintendent of the Georgia School for the Deaf for fifty years. Mr. Connor received his training and a Master's Degree at Gallaudet College in 1894. He taught a total of twelve years in the Minnesota, Washington and Iowa schools for the deaf before coming to New Mexico.

Mr. Connor encountered many of the difficulties that beset Mr. Larson, but was never forced to close the school completely, although there were occasions when it was necessary to shorten the school year to as few as seven months.

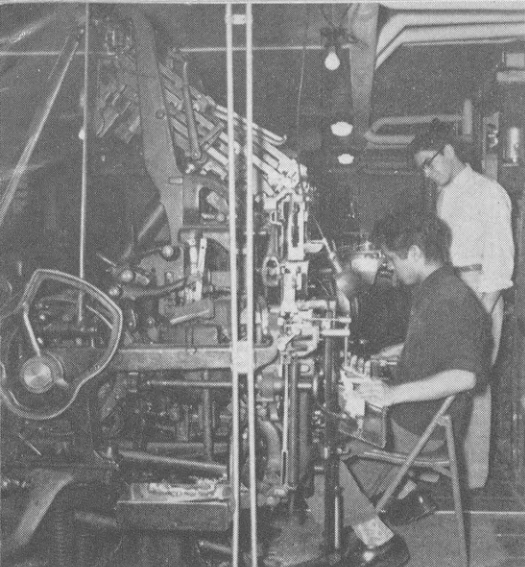
During his administration all of the

present school plant was planned and erected. The first of the present buildings was Cartwright Hall, now the girls' dormitory, which was built in 1916. For a number of years this building served as a dormitory for the girls and small boys, while the basement was used as a kitchen and dining room. The building was named for Samuel G. Cartwright, an early day member of the Board of Regents. This building was followed by Connor Hall, the boys' dormitory, which was erected in 1928. During the 1930's a vocational building, a dining room and recreation buildings, a modern dairy plant, school and administration building, hospital buildings, and a laundry building were all erected. The buildings were all planned and built in Santa Fe, of Spanish-Pueblo style of architecture, and were laid out with a very pleasing effect. Large and spacious lawns with curbing were put in, and trees and shrubs planted with excellent landscaping effect, to make this one of the most beautiful groups of buildings in Santa Fe. At today's valuations, the school plant is valued at far over one million dollars. The school is located on approximately twenty-five acres of land, including lawns, playgrounds, pasture and a small farm tract.

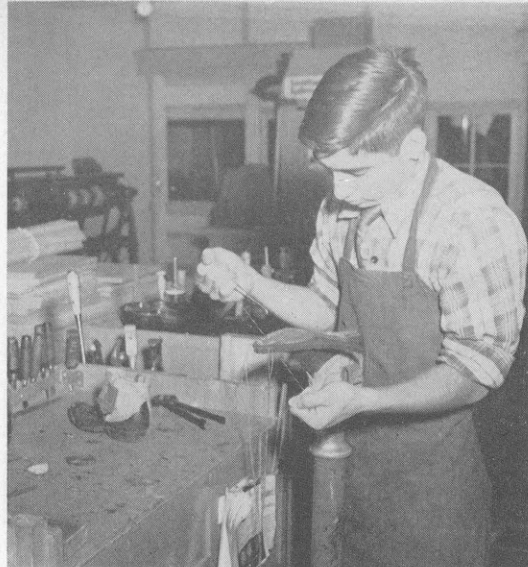
During Mr. Connor's administration, the school grew from fifteen students to a record enrollment of 144. These students received not only a formal academic education, but also training in various vocational skills. In the fall of 1909 Mr. Connor employed one of his former students at the Minnesota School for the Deaf, Mr. J. B. Bumgardner. Mr. Bumgardner, a Gallaudet College graduate, must have been a "miracle man" in his own right. From 1909 until his death in 1922, the records indicate that Mr. Bumgardner taught an academic class, printing, shoe repairing, art and other crafts. He was an accom-



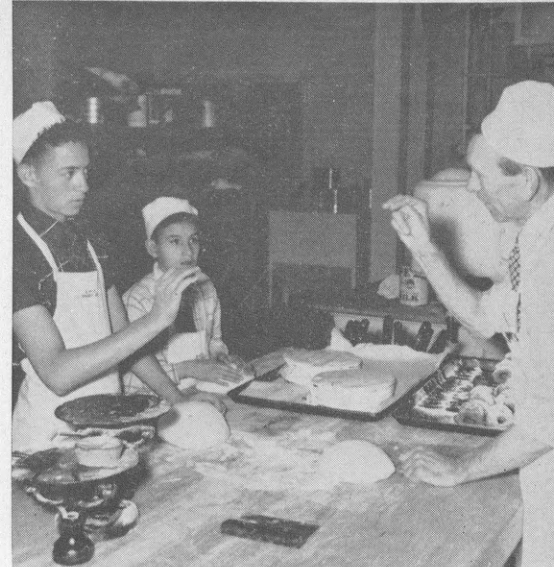
Adobe house that served as Mr. Larson's first school in 1895. Cut made from oil painting by Elodie Wukadinovich, former art teacher at the School.



Student Linotype operators.



A skilled shoe and boot repairman.



A class in baking.

plished poet. Most of the vocational classes had their beginning under the tutelage of this man, and there are still numerous examples of his work and the work of some of his students about the campus. Mr. Bumgardner is also credited with having started the first athletic programs, introducing basketball and other sports to the campus. In this he had every encouragement from Mr. Connor, who was always an ardent sports fan. By all accounts from former students at the school and former teachers, Mr. Bumgardner must have been one of the truly great deaf teachers of the deaf.

Mr. Connor was deeply respected by all who knew him, and he worked and lived by his motto, "The Deaf—first, last and always." His accomplishments during his thirty-eight years as superintendent were many and greatly appreciated by the students passing through the New Mexico School for the Deaf. Mr. Connor passed on to his reward on May 5, 1952, after retiring as superintendent in October, 1944.

The deaf children of New Mexico have been very fortunate in having men of Mr. Larson's and Mr. Connor's abilities during the first half century of the school's history. Their efforts and achievements are well attested by the splendid school and school plant that New Mexico's deaf children enjoy today.

The financial problems of the school today are not what they were in the

early days. The school is what is termed in New Mexico a "Land Grant Institution," being one of the beneficiaries of the Federal Government under the Enabling Act for New Mexico, passed by Congress in 1910, and which authorized the people of the Territory to adopt a Constitution and set up a state government, and be admitted into the Union as a state.

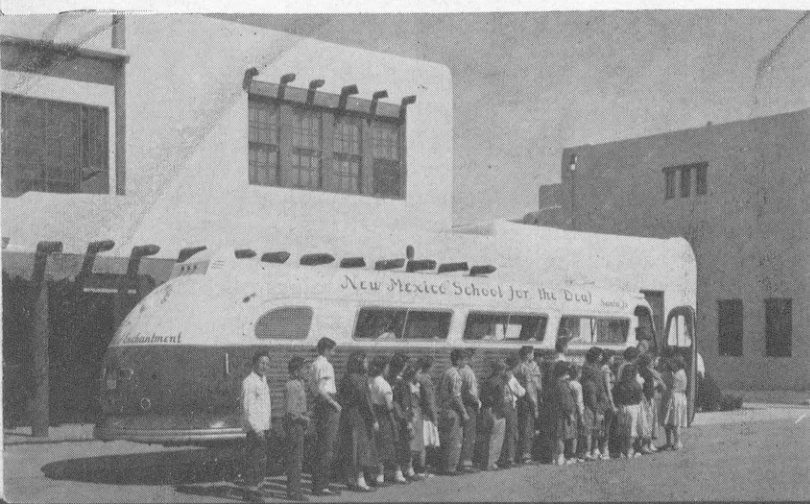
Under this Act some 100,000 acres of land were granted to the state, to be held in trust for the use and benefit of the school, and to be administered only as provided in the Enabling Act. Congress had previously, in 1898, granted 50,000 acres, in trust, to the Territory of New Mexico, for the use and benefit of the school. The Enabling Act confirmed this former grant, and, in addition, granted the 100,000 acres to be held jointly for the use and benefit of the School for the Deaf and the School for the Blind. Only the income from these lands may be used for maintenance purposes. The proceeds from sales of the lands, and any royalties derived from the lands, are required to be deposited with the State Treasurer, who shall invest the same in safe, interest bearing securities, the income from which may be used by the school for maintenance purposes.

These amounts deposited with the State Treasurer are in what is called the "Permanent Fund," which means that this fund shall be kept permanent-

ly invested by the State Treasurer, thus providing a continual income to the extent obtainable from such investments. From these provisions in the Enabling Act, it is clear that the intent of Congress was to secure to the deaf children of New Mexico whatever income those lands would produce, thus preventing dissolution and waste by the state in any way. Through the years this "Permanent Fund" has increased until at the present time the State Treasurer has invested for the school some four and one-half million dollars, the interest income from these investments being paid over to the school monthly, as it is received.

Upon the admission of New Mexico as a state, the 100,000 acres granted under the Enabling Act was selected from government lands scattered over the state. A goodly portion of this land was selected in what is now Lea County. At that time those lands were mostly barren prairie, suitable only for meager grazing purposes. During the late 1920's a large oil field was discovered and developed in this area. It is the royalties from these oil wells that has built up the school's Permanent Fund to what it is now. The quotation "God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform" is indeed appropriate in its application to this history of the New Mexico School for the Deaf. Little did Congress realize how bountifully it was providing for New Mexico's deaf children.

Students start on educational trip.



New Mexico School faculty, 1952-3.





Junior rifle club members.



Weaving in arts and crafts.



Cosmetology is taught as a trade.

The school's fabled "oil wells" are on these lands granted by Congress, and not on the school campus, as many people who have never visited Santa Fe are inclined to think. It's expected that eventually the income from this Permanent Fund will be sufficient to meet all needs of the school, without a direct appropriation from the State Legislature.

When New Mexico was admitted to the Union in 1912 the Constitution of the State provided that the school should be under the control and management of a Board of Regents, consisting of five members, to be appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. These members were appointed for the

term of four years. In 1949 a Constitutional Amendment was adopted by the people, providing for a staggered Board, one to be appointed for a term of six years, two for a term of four years, and two for a term of two years. Thus there would always be some members of the Board who were familiar with the administration of the school.

Upon Mr. Connor's retirement in 1944, the Board of Regents appointed Mr. Marshall S. Hester as superintendent. Mr. Hester came to this school after serving twelve years on the faculty of the California School for the Deaf, and five years on the faculty of the Iowa School for the Deaf.

Mr. Hester is continuing the program set before him by his predecessors making every effort to improve instructional equipment, the quality of the school staff, and to keep the school plant in a good state of repair. Since the end of the last World War, a full time arts and crafts department has been added, and arrangements for woodworking classes have been completed. These have been added to a vocational curriculum including instruction in agriculture, baking, shoe-repairing, printing and binding, cosmetology, domestic science and sewing, all established in prior years. All of these shops have received a large amount of additional equipment to help improve the quality of instruction that is offered to the students of the school.

All academic classrooms are modern, with acoustically treated ceilings, and most of them are equipped with the latest type of built-in group hearing aids. An effort is being made to develop and use any serviceable hearing the children may have. The deaf children are taught orally, for the most part, but the manual alphabet may be used, depending upon the method under which the individual child can make the greatest progress educationally. Every child, who may profit at all, receives instruction in speech and lip-reading.

A well-balanced extra-curricular program has been arranged for after school hours. Besides the usual sports of basketball, softball and volleyball, there are Junior and Senior units of the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, also Brownie and Cub Scout units, a Junior Rifle Club that is affiliated with the National Rifle Association, through its sponsor, the Senior Rifle Club, composed of members of the staff. There are Student Council groups, weekly movie programs, social hours, and other activities are scheduled for the children. Since securing a new thirty-passenger coach in 1952, the students have been able to enjoy frequent educational and pleasure trips to points of interest. Athletic trips include visits to the Arizona, Colorado and Oklahoma Schools for the Deaf.

Mr. Hester has accomplished much in the way of public relations, and an improved understanding by the public in general of the work being done and undertaken at the school, by cooperating in the activities of the National and State Parent-Teacher Associations, the New Mexico Education Association, state and local chapters of the Delta Kappa Gamma, the New Mexico Hearing Society, the New Mexico Society for Crippled Children, and the New Mexico State Departments of Education, Health and Welfare. Through various programs and demonstration tours, the work of the school is well known and understood throughout the state today.

During the summer of 1953, an annex was added to the girls' dormitory, providing more comfortable quarters for both primary and the advanced girls. Additional equipment was added to most departments on the school campus, and a new lighting system was completed.

Sixty-eight years have brought many changes to the New Mexico School for the Deaf. Time changes all things, still there are so many things that never change.

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The Educational Front and Parents' Department

By W. T. Griffing, Editor

In the long ago when we were young and didn't have any more sense than to go to work for a living, Professor G. C. Farquhar, now of the Missouri school, used to hold us spellbound in reading classes. He actually had us believing the



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saying that tells you absence makes the heart grow fonder. Now is a good time to test that statement because we have been AWOL a whole month! How do you readers feel? Farquhar, we bet, should he read this will rear up on his rear end and snort, "I knew nothing good would ever come of that numbskull of a Griffing!"

Here we are, so fonder or more likely otherwise, you'll have to put up with us. How are the three R's out your way?

A friend of ours with a spanking new baby girl to spoil felt the weight of the whole world descend upon his frail shoulders with startling suddenness—how was he to know when baby cried at night? You parents will know what we are talking about because once you rocked the same boat.

Well, he purchased one of those automatic flashers which either flash a light near your bed or set off a vibrator which tickles you half to death. Everything was just peaches and cream until one night when a violent thunder storm set in. Man or boy, that flasher had a field day! Our friend had no sooner hit the pillow than he had to bound out of bed to see if it was baby or the thunder. He did it a half million times, he says, and soon he was getting in and out of bed like an automaton.

What are you doing at your house?

In Oklahoma the Zurich Insurance company has asked for permission to reward safe drivers with a reduction in premiums on liability insurance and, at the same time, increase the premium of drivers involved in more than one accident in any given year.

This plan, we understand, will apply in several other states, too. It should be a good thing for the deaf, who seldom figure in an accident, yet are charged more than the average driver for protection that is required by law.

Insurance companies think in the strangest manner quite often. A nationally famous company will not grant deaf teachers compensation for loss of time while on the job under a group policy plan. We asked the agent how the ruling

made sense. He said very frankly that it didn't. What makes it hard on our blood pressure is this: our protests are usually answered with a shrug of the shoulders.

A hearing coach from a nearby high school was in a cafe after a game one Friday when our boys barged in for a snack. This and that led him to remark that he did not think officials could be fair to a deaf team because they were inclined to watch the signal calling of the deaf quarterback more than they did the other team as a whole. As a result, he went on, more fouls were called against the deaf than the hearing, which was unfair, of course. He said too many fouls against a deaf team and too few against its opponent often created the impression the deaf boys played "dirty."

For our part we have noted that officials do call them rather close on our boys, but we think this is because they are curious as well as interested in the way the deaf react to the great American game of football.

Mr. Hugo Schunhoff is now superintendent of the West Virginia school at Romney. He is a sound educator and a wise administrator. West Virginia has landed a top all-around man for the job and that school is going to be hitting on all cylinders quicker than a pupil can think up an excuse for a lost lesson assignment.

Our crystal ball tells us that come January 1 it will be Maryland vs. Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl football game. If we are correct, watch No. 31, Gene Dan Calame, the OU quarterback. He is the son of deaf parents.

A shoulder injury prevented him quarterbacking the OU-Notre Dame game, which ended 28-21 for ND.

Homecoming football games are excellent advertising for our schools. The loyal alumni come back "home" to shake off a lot of years and to show the family where history was made. They come in new cars, mostly, which certainly did not grow on trees. All the other things they represent run into cold cash, too.

We can well imagine that a lot of hearing persons, the group that is automatically in society, thus does not have to be restored to it, would be glad to move over and make room for some of those deaf persons, yea, gladly learn the sign language if only they could be as happy and as prosperous as most of the alumni of a school for the deaf really are.

Our schools have something on the ball, and it isn't football, either.

Gallaudet is bursting at the seams with a record enrollment. Faculty Row has been taken over by the preparatory students, thus College and Sophia Fowler halls are wondering what it is all about. If this keeps on, and Dr. Elstad says it will, then Congress will have to dig down deep for some new buildings.

The fact that so many young deaf persons are interested in a higher education is good news for all of us who are interested in better things for the deaf in the years to come.

Minnesota, so says Wesley Lauritsen, has a law which forbids the sale of any article with the manual alphabet on it. A salesman, deaf or hearing, is welcome to try his luck as long as he conducts his sales on a basis of skill and quality, but there is to be no picking up of dimes and quarters out of sheer pity.

If all of those who have solicited money for the purpose of "going to school or college" were placed end to end, well, it might be a good ending, after all.

Do you know of a deaf chef? We do. He is Thomas Boucher of Norman, Oklahoma. From 6 a.m. until 1 p.m. he is head man at Harkey's Cafe, then at 2 he moves over to the swank Lockett Hotel to don the chef's apron until ten that night. He lipreads the orders from the waitresses, but he can sign as easily as he can whip up a salad or broil you a sizzling steak.

Last summer we told Jimmy Orman that our efforts to resign from the Board of Stewards of the Methodist Church here were always ignored by the other fellows on the Board. Jimmy opined that a deaf man on such a board rated a story in SW. We declined. But we want to put him on a fresh trail. We think Ken Burdett of Utah serves his church in some official capacity, and he would make a whale of a tale.

We have to read the Wall Street Journal, then send in our membership to one of those save-a-dime-a-week societies. High finances always make us dizzy, so do not expect too much from us next time. Thank you, pals, is really meant by WTC.

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A Thanksgiving Sermon

By Rev. Terence Tracey
Our Saviour's Church, Jacksonville, Ill.

LET US GIVE THANKS

Every time I smell pumpkin pie baking, or turkey roasting in the kitchen oven; every time I see a mother working in a warm and peaceful kitchen I think of Thanksgiving, because these are the things that I remember best about Thanksgiving. These are the wonderful memories of Thanksgiving, the tasty food, the warmth of home and the pleasant odors coming from the busy kitchen. These are the sights, the pleasures and the enjoyments that make Thanksgiving Day an outstanding day in all our lives. But are they the most important thing about Thanksgiving Day? No, I think not. The most important thing about this day is thanking God for all His blessings, His grace and His love. This is a special day that we as Americans set aside to thank the one person most worthy of our thanks, God.

Thanksgiving Day is an American holiday. It began when the first settlers to this continent set aside a day to thank God for the abundant harvests. These men were religious men. They had come to this continent seeking religious freedom; hoping to raise their families in the knowledge and Love of God, so it was natural that such men should turn their minds and hearts to God in a fervent prayer of thanks when they saw that God was blessing them with rolling fields of corn and grain and giving them the food they needed to raise their families in this wilderness. We, as these first Americans, must make Thanksgiving Day a day to give thanks to God. We must make it an American holy day.

It is natural to thank our friends for their small kindnesses and favors. Recently while on a vacation in New Hampshire I bought a small gift for my niece, who is not quite two years old. The gift was a pair of slippers made like Indian moccasins and an Indian doll. When I arrived home I gave my niece the gift. My niece was very happy with this gift and thanked me the way all small children the world over thank their elders, with a hug and a kiss. Of course this made me feel quite important. But, the surprising thing is that even today, more than month later, my niece still says "thank you unca Terry," whenever she puts on these slippers. So you see to say thanks is really very natural, even for a child. We always say thanks to people when they do small favors for us, when they open a door

for us; tell us the right direction, help us with a job, or give us a ride; no matter what it may be the word we first think of is "thanks."

How easy it is to say thanks to a friend or neighbor, a waiter or doorman, and yet go for days, months or even years without saying thanks to God. Why thank everyone but God? The story is told that God once sent two angels on earth and He gave each angel a basket. Into one basket were to be placed all the requests that men had to ask from God and into the other basket were to be placed all the prayers of thanks that men offered to God. When the two angels returned to God the basket for the requests was filled to the top, but the basket for our thanks had only a few prayers in it. Why do we forget to say thanks to God? Stop for a minute and think of all the things you owe to God. God has given you everything, every friend, every loved one, be it mother, father, wife, sweetheart, or children—every bite of food you eat, every breath of air you breathe, even life itself; all these and many thousands more come to us from the power and the love of God. And dare we not thank God?

On this Thanksgiving Day let's make up for the many many times we have not said thanks to God. This Thanksgiving Day we Americans have much to be thankful for. We have peace; war has ceased and guns again are quiet and our men no longer die. How thankful we should be! Our harvests have been great and our cupboards are full. Our nation is strong and healthy. God has been good to us. He has given us peace, prosperity and His greatest gift—freedom. For all these gifts we should be most thankful. On Thanksgiving Day let us as a nation pause in the course of our day



REV. TERENCE TRACEY

to day life, put down our tools, shut off our machines and together with our families and friends turn our hearts and minds to God in a fervent and sincere prayer of thanks.

O God, we thank Thee for all Thy gifts; for sunny days and peaceful nights, we thank Thee, Lord; for rain and snow as seasons pass, we thank Thee, Lord; for fields full green and golden crops, we thank Thee, Lord; for sheaves of wheat and stalks of corn, we thank Thee, Lord; for all the gifts of Thy holy hand with which You fill this blessed land, we Thank Thee, Lord. Amen.

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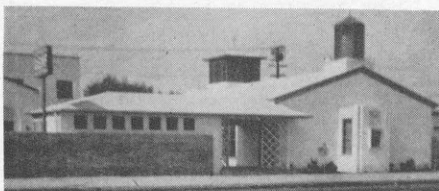
*I give Thee thanks, O God,
For these Thy gift unbought by coin:
For beauty of the earth and sky,
For goodly heritage,
For life that love and fellowship,
For that great Gift, surpassing all—
The gift of Thine own Life to men—
For these, O God, I give Thee thanks,
And lift my hymn of praise to Thee.*

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By Hilbert C. Duning

Great Success

A statewide picnic at LeSourdsville Lake, Middletown, Ohio, July 26, for benefit of 1955 N.A.D. Convention Fund, under chairmanship of Mr. and Mrs. Hilbert C. Duning, was the largest one in many years. It drew a paid attendance of nearly 500 picnickers! Main attractions of the day were a floor show, "The Big Top," and big cash prizes including two additional prizes of each one year's subscription of *THE SILENT WORKER*. Over a thousand hearing people, separate from this group, witnessed the play and the 1955 convention banner (20 feet long x 3 feet high!) which the local committee were asked to hang up on the stage. (The aim was to educate the hearing public and win their confidence in our worthy cause).

Thanks to Mr. Edward Otterbein of Middletown for his helpful suggestions relating to the Lake.

But This Beats All!

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Honicon of Newport, Kentucky, who are ardent members of the Greater Cincinnati Silent Club, "hit the Jackpot" at a picnic at the Catholic Athletic Club, Ludlow, Ky., on Sept. 20 when they made a net profit of nearly a thousand bucks in their sales for the benefit of our 1955 convention fund!! Our fund, as of now, has been doubled in the past two months! What impresses me more is that they are *not* members of the local committee! And there are more willing volunteers to make our fund drive successful. There is no "Let-George-do-it" attitude around Greater Cincinnati.

Mr. and Mrs. Honicon wish to express their sincere appreciation to Mrs. Hilbert C. Duning for her steady assistance and bookkeeping. (Harriet, I am proud of you!)

More Activities Planned

This fall and winter will feature var-

ious types of entertainment for more raising of our fund. Louisville, Ky., and Columbus, Ohio, will be the next sites of our play in form of a shadow-graph, "Paradise," which was staged so successfully in the auditorium of the Greater Cincinnati Silent Club last June that the local committee decided to continue it. More distant towns will follow. Our committee chairman, LeRoy Duning, is the director. LeRoy, keep up the good work!

Cupid Was Here

One of our local committees, Miss Ann Garretson, the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Garretson, was recently engaged to Mr. Albert R. Benedict of Lincoln, Neb. Ann is a graduate of Miss Doherty's College Preparatory School and of Stephens College, Columbia, Mo. Her Dad is a noted columnist of the Cincinnati Times Star. Ann, the wedding date? No decision yet but I have a hunch that it won't be long! (Sigh) Br. Benedict is now connected with a large Cincinnati firm. (What a relief as I thought Cupid snatched Ann from us!)

Excellent Prospects

Since the 1955 convention local committee was organized, everyone whom the committee has met, seen, or written, has already planned to help celebrate our Diamond Jubilee in 1955. Here is one proof that my wife and I received in one of the letters from Mr. and Mrs. Ray F. Stallo of San Bernardino, California, some time ago, indicating their excitement in making a trip to the Jubilee. Ray is writer of "The Silent Printer" in *THE SILENT WORKER*.

How about you? The local committee will see that you have a most glorious time. Even if it is too early, it would be well to write Mr. Gus Straus, the hotel reservation chairman, 3319 S. Woodmont Ave., Cincinnati 13, Ohio. Of course, you will be under no obliga-

tion if you find it necessary to change your plans for 1955 — but "the early bird gets the worm," you know.

Rev. Fr. Vincent Burnier

Rev. Fr. Burnier of Juiz de Fora, Minas Gerais, South America, the only deaf priest in this world, ordained by the Pope in Rome, was paid great respects by many deaf friends and visitors in the Library of the St. Louis Church August 6. There was indication and hope among us that he would be able to attend the Diamond Jubilee.

Complimentary

The Arketex Ceramic Corp., Brazil, Indiana, 12 miles east of Terre Haute, one of the largest industries in the country, cordially invited the Cincinnati Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, of which I am a member, to be its guests Sept. 25-26. Mr. Russell Stelle, vice-pres., kept me company most of the time while I was a guest. Most of my conversation with him pointed to the welfare of the deaf and the N.A.D. and its affiliations, which got him so interested that he asked for a subscription to *THE SILENT WORKER*. Then he said that he knew Dr. Cloud of Jacksonville, Florida, when he made his residence there for ten years. Russell's Dad, chairman of the Board; his older brother, John, president; Mr. Grant L. Hughes, secretary-treasurer and his office staff were excellent hosts, too. The inspection at the Arketex plants was one I shall never forget. To see how ceramic structural tile is produced will be most beneficial to my profession, architecture.

I have just asked the Editor to issue *THE SILENT WORKER* to the above Corporation with my compliments.

Merry Christmas!

The Local Committee extends to one and all greetings and best wishes for a Merry Christmas, and we shall be looking forward to seeing you in 1955.



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SWinging 'round the nation



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DEADLINE FOR NEWS IS THE
20TH OF EACH MONTH.

KANSAS . . .

Mrs. Burns, widow of Melvin Burns, has married again and is thinking of moving to California soon. Her oldest daughter is now married too.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Wimp of Wichita were in Estes Park, Colo., four days. While in Colorado Springs as day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Astle, they met Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Ferguson of Olathe. Small world? On their way back home, the Wimps stopped at Garden City, Kansas, to visit Mr. and Mrs. Keith Hagins and their children. She raved about the Hagins' new baby daughter, Keitha.

Leo Vohs of Kansas City suffered a heart attack in Lamar, Mo., July 18th. They were heading for Liberal, Mo., to visit their daughter when the attack occurred. Mr. Vohs went back to work the last part of August.

The latest strutters in new cars in Wichita are Doris Heil, '53 Chevy, Darrell Green, '53 Plymouth, and Adolph Geier, a '53 Chevy.

Misses Mary Ellen Williams of Olathe and Lois McGlynn of Hutchinson spent their vacation in California and came back in time to attend the convention of the Kansas Association of the Deaf at Manhattan.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Grier of Wichita and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Haden of Denver, Colo., met at Gunnison, Colo., as arranged. They enjoyed visiting and fishing together near that city, during the third week of August. They caught eleven fish and had to eat them all there as fish are not allowed to be taken out of the state.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley McDonald of Cincinnati, Ohio, spent a week in Wichita with friends and called at the W.C.D. hall. They left for Washington to visit their daughter and family. They are planning to make their home in Florida.

Mrs. Bertha Metz Byer is now a patient in a nursing home at Topeka. Her hobby is raising roses and she has numerous varieties of roses in her garden.

Frankie Lehr of Newton recently figured in a car collision with a lady driver. She made a left turn into the street before he crossed the intersection and he ran into the back end of her car, knocking in the right front of his car.

The sister-in-law of Neal Huddleston of Axtell, Kansas, drove against his car, which turned over. He was lucky to get by with a few bruises. It happened on the first day of the Kansas convention.

Lloyd Acridge of Olathe had a two-weeks' vacation on a motor trip through California, Oregon, and Colorado with his parents of Coffeyville. They dropped him at Wichita to fly to Manhattan to attend the convention.

Tom Scofield of Kansas City spent a week of

his vacation in Wichita as guest of Archie Grier.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mog of Wilson are the happy parents of a son, Bryce Robin, born on August 27. He weighed seven pounds and two ounces. Congratulations.

Mrs. Sallie Parker of Topeka, aged 81, started to sit on a table when it gave way. She fell backwards and hit her head against an oil heater. Mrs. Lillian Sloop Bowers, staying with her, took her to a hospital. She suffered a broken thigh and other leg injuries below the knee.

The clubs of Wichita enjoyed picnics a week apart, the Wichita Athletic club at Lake Afton on Aug. 23 and the Wichita Club at Heller's Grove on Aug. 30th.

Mrs. Harley Sleeper of Wichita attended the wedding of her son, John, at Cortez, Colo., during August.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kiltbau of Denver, Colo., attended the Kansas convention and visited a week with Mr. and Mrs. Dean Vanatta of Wichita. The Vanattas held a surprise birthday supper at Linwood Park for Mrs. Kiltbau, nee Josie Ackles. Those that also helped her enjoy it were the Wimps, the Ellingers and the Geiers.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bellomy of Kansas City made a stopover in Wichita, as overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Conradt, on their way back home from a vacation in Colorado.

Mr. W. S. Dibble of Wichita enjoyed part of his vacation by painting the exterior of his house.

Mr. and Mrs. William Schaefer have moved back to Topeka from Chicago, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Becker of San Bernardino, Calif., have been away six weeks, visiting friends and relatives in Kansas and attending the convention. The last lap of their trip was at Denver, Colo., as guests of Mrs. Iona Simpson.

Mr. Luther Taylor of Jacksonville, Ill., is visiting various points in Kansas and was in Topeka a few hours with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Malm. He was seen at the big N.A.D. rally in Kansas City on the 12th of September.

Mrs. Ed McIlvain of Merriam is spending a month at Pasadena, Calif., with her daughters, Leta and Kolma. Her daughter, Frances, with whom she is living, is away on vacation.

The Topeka Recreation Center of the Deaf at Toepka has opened their hall for their winter activities.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Koehn and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Johnson, all of Wichita, were weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Whitlock of Hutchinson. The men went fishing near Stafford but did not have good luck.

Wichita finally has a television channel, No. 16. The Wichita Deaf are getting so interested in television that at present there are eleven set owners.

Can a ghost write? Our reporter, Pauline Conwell, of Wichita, was very much surprised to get a letter from a man whose death she reported two months ago, his name being G. Walfred Anderson. He must have died three times, as it was reported once over 21 years ago, and several years ago and again lately. Both he and his wife are enjoying good health and are still able to work. They will

celebrate their sixtieth wedding anniversary next March.

Our Kansas correspondent will have to set us straight on this one. We have searched the SW files as far back as the June number and we have failed to find a report of the death of anyone named Anderson. -- Ed.

After attending the Kansas Convention at Manhattan, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Brown of Indianapolis, Ind. went home with her parents, The Alex Benois of Salina, for a few days. Then vacation time for Mr. Benoit came, and all went home with the Browns. From Indianapolis the Benois went to Flint, Mich., to visit their other daughter, Ruth Roberts, and family for a few days. The Benois returned to Indianapolis for another visit and not long after they were at home in Salina, their daughter Dora Laramie, and family of Salt Lake City, Utah, came for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Beene Watkins of Wichita were in Hamon on August 30th to help his mother celebrate her birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Dibble of Wichita became grandparents of another boy, Kimble, born to their son Shirley and his wife on September 24th. The grandparents have three grandsons and no granddaughters, and were kinda disappointed the new baby was not a girl.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes to Mrs. Everett Wimp of Wichita on the death of her brother, Herman Thompson, of a heart ailment.

The homecoming football game at Olathe on October 10th attracted a large alumni crowd. The Kansas boys gave the Missouri boys a good rubbing by a score of 60-0. Dalton Fuller was one of the 35 Wichitans at the game and we wonder if it was a real homecoming for him, as he had not seen Olathe for 50 years and things have changed a lot since then. He surely had much faith in his Ford to get that far at 40 miles an hour. The Olathe Club rooms were filled to capacity on both floors and the "eats" committee were kept busy all evening.

Mrs. George Harms, Mrs. Archie Grier, Mrs. Dean Vanatta and Mrs. Earl Nyquist hosted a housewarming for Mr. and Mrs. Tom Pratt October 4th at Wichita. Over 40 well wishers warmed the house with gifts of money.

The Executive Committee of the Kansas Association of the Deaf have chosen Topeka as host city for its 1956 convention, with Lawrence as alternate.

On October 3rd in the First Christian Church of Chanute, Kans., Miss Karlen Hainbach and Orion E. Gallagher, Jr., were united in marriage by the Rev. John T. Forest. Matron of honor was Mrs. Orfris Cox, sister of the bride, and best man was John Nation, Commander of the Kansas American Legion.

Mr. Gallagher formerly lived in Kansas, Mo., having attended the Madison Day School and the Missouri School of the Deaf. Mrs. Gallagher is a hearing girl whom Mr. Gallagher met while working for the Nation Cleaners in Chanute.

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COLORADO . . .

Beginning July 24th, Fred Gustafson, the instructor in baking in the Colorado School, and his mother spent two and a half weeks at Ojo Caliente Mineral Springs, New Mexico. They then spent one day at Santa Fe, and another day visiting the Carlsbad Caverns. After this they traveled through Texas to Little Rock, Ark., where they spent four days. Fred was a guest of the Arkansas School for a couple of hours in visiting and for lunch. They spent one day in Hot Springs, Ark., before returning home.

Mrs. Frank Galluzzo is one of the new academic teachers in the Colorado School for this year, taking Mrs. Nadine Fishler's place. Mrs. Emma Cunningham, one of the fine academic teachers always well liked by every older deaf pupil and also by all others, is back at her teaching job now, after one month's stay in California.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cacciatore of Colorado Springs was a girl, tipping the scales at 7 lbs. 12 oz. on July 24th. She has two brothers, ages 7 and 3.

Grant Petrie, one of the long faithful employees at the Colorado School, who had waited on the older deaf boys for many years, is retired now, living on the state pension. He still stays in the school. Most of the former Colorado pupils know him well. Keith Hardy of Galton, Colo., and Eddie Dowd, of Colorado Springs, both 1953 graduates, have taken jobs as waiters, taking Willie Cart's and Grant Petrie's places.

Bruce Starbuck, native of Colorado Springs now having lived in Los Angeles for over a year, spent one week's vacation in Colorado Springs visiting his many friends and his family. His wife returned with him to Los Angeles, after taking care of her ailing mother for several months. His brother, Francis, and another brother, Harry, and his wife joined them in the return trip to California, where they will spend their vacation.

John Buckmaster of Cheyenne, Wyoming (a native of South Dakota) has secured a position as instructor in printing at the Colorado School, succeeding Thomas Fishler, and as assistant supervisor of the older deaf boys. The Thomas Fishlers have made their home in Ketchikan, Alaska, where Tom is employed by The Daily News. We have just learned of the arrival of their baby girl, on September 9th. She has a husky little brother, Steve, four years old.

MISSOURI . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Pat McPherson spent their annual vacation in Charles City, Iowa, with Pat's relatives during August.

Mercedes Lago again went out of the United States for a month's vacation beginning August 3rd. She flew to New York City; Bermuda, Nassau, Havana, Cuba; Miami, Florida; Washington, D. C., and Cleveland, Ohio. Mercedes had not been in Cuba for 33 years, after leaving her birthplace at the age of 5 when her family moved to Kansas City. She visited her old school and found it much changed and said there were 27 pupils now. During most of the trip, Mercedes visited relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Holley of Tampa, Fla., have been in Kansas City since August 3rd. Mr. Holley has secured a position as a carpenter at Merriam, Kansas. They make regular trips to Weston, Mo., to visit Mrs. Holley's mother. They plan to return to Florida before winter comes.

On August 23, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Burress of Los Angeles were notified that Bert's father had passed away in Joplin, Mo. After the funeral they stopped in Kansas City as guests of the Clem Dillenschneiders for three days. They visited both the Heart of America Club of the Deaf and the Kansas City Club for the Deaf, Inc. They visited Omaha and Colorado before returning to California.

Mr. and Mrs. Abe Rosenblatt and son visited Mrs. Rosenblatt's relatives during the week of August 21st. Both clubs were visited, and their many friends were glad to see them again and were much surprised to see their tall son. Mr. and Mrs. Rosenblatt and son were Kansas Citians until 1943, when they moved to California.

The Francis Reillys had a very quiet celebration September 12th—their 18th wedding anniversary.

Harry Kellner went to Hanover, Penn., to visit his daughter and family on September 3rd. He also drove to Washington, D. C., Norfolk, Va., and Chicago, Ill.

Ranuel Woods and Joan Arnett were united in marriage on September 4th. Joan is the daughter of Mrs. Grace Arnett and the sister of Mrs. Nellie Teaney. The Woods intended to take Mrs. Arnett with them on their honeymoon to Texas, but a car accident in Merriam, Kans. prevented the trip. The ladies received minor injuries while Mr. Woods escaped injury. The car was almost completely wrecked.

Greater Kansas Citians were very surprised and happy to learn that \$2,000 in cash and pledges were made at the National Association of the Deaf Rally held at Drexel Hall on September 12th. George Kannappell of Louisville, Ky., Board Member of the NAD, and LeRoy Duning of Cincinnati, Ohio, general chairman of the NAD Diamond Jubilee Convention for 1955, came to offer a wonderful program and help raise the money. Thanks go to Messrs. Kannappell and Duning and to Fred Murphy, chairman of the rally, who made the rally so very successful.

It seems that the Herman Vincents cannot spend a weekend in Kansas City. Most of their weekends have been spent either in Tulsa, Okla., Wichita, Kansas or some other place. They went to Tulsa on August 22 and reported that Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Elder are getting along nicely. The Vincents probably want to visit all friends and relatives before moving to Los Angeles come Fall.

On September 12th, Mrs. Marcella Skelton (nee Gulick) invited Bill Priem, Lee Oda Flaspohler and Calvin Nininger to spend the weekend on her mother's farm in Ottersville, Missouri. Most of the time was spent target-shooting.

Louis Joe Weber, son of the Joe Webers of Kansas City, spent his 15-day leave in Kansas City in September. Joe has graduated from training school as a pilot in the Coast Guard and is now a Quartermaster third class Petty Officer. A dance was held in the KCCD hall on Sept. 19th in his honor before he left for Long Beach.

Jack Wright of Minneapolis, left Kansas City on September 20 for Gallaudet College, where he is in his Junior year. Jack said he enjoyed spending the summer in Kansas City and working here and will never forget the many friends he made.

We are very proud of the three Greater Kansas City boys who will be seniors in Gallaudet this year—Raymond Rodriquez, James Randall and Robert Greathouse. Raymond will be the Grand Rajah in Kappa Gamma Fraternity and James will be chief in Government Council. Congratulations, boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hollrah (nee Betty Tory) and their three month old daughter visited Mrs. Hollrah's parents in Kansas City on September 19th.

The Francis Reillys had as their guests on Labor Day week-end, the Elmer Hansens of



MR. & MRS. J. S. ROSENBLOOM

Virginia Couple in Golden Wedding Celebration

One of the first beautiful social events of the year among the Washington, D. C. deaf was the celebration of the 50th marriage anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Rosenbloom, of Richmond, Va., Saturday afternoon, September 19, at the home of their oldest daughter, Mrs. Violet V. Critzer, in Arlington, Va., on the outskirts of Washington.

Approximately sixty relatives and close friends of the "young newlyweds" were present and felicitated them with exquisite gifts and lovely flowers.

Mr. Rosenbloom was born in Berlin, Germany, and in 1888 his parents came with him, when a small boy, to the United States and finally settled in Richmond, Va., where they built a small fortune in the furniture store business.

The late Rev. John W. Michaels, kindly old Southern missionary to the deaf, sauntered along on one of Richmond's busiest thoroughfares and espied little Joe Rosenbloom engaged in a spirited talk with a street urchin through weird signs, and took a personal interest in him. He told his parents of splendid educational facilities, room and meals, and many other beneficial features received absolutely gratis at the Virginia School for the Deaf in Staunton, Va. The parents, being newcomers from Germany, were totally unaware of the existence of that school, and were deeply moved over the golden opportunity offered their son. In tears, they thanked the good missionary profusely and little Joe was on his way to school the very next day.

"Shorty Joe," affectionately nicknamed by his friends, was well known at the school for his prowess in athletics, in spite of his diminutive stature. He is a likeable personality, and a loyal member of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf and many other organizations in Virginia.

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Now the KCCD members are rolling up their sleeves and are starting to work harder on the AAAD Basketball Tournament. Watch this column for information in the months to come, and remember the date, April 1, 2, 3, 1954.

On September 27th, about 75 friends of the Francis Reillys carefully planned and carried out a surprise house-warming at their new home in North Kansas City. Even Mr. and Mrs. Fred Roglitz of St. Louis, Mo., and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hukhill of Tulsa, Okla., arrived to share in the surprise. A lovely picnic-style meal was served in the large back yard on a perfect Autumn day. The Reillys were showered with cash gifts totalling about \$65 and a lovely door knocker and an aluminum tidbit tray.

Mrs. Edna McArtor went to St. Paul, Minn., on the invitation of Mr. Fred Brant on August 21. They had a sightseeing trip, visited Thompson Hall, attended the picnic for the deaf during the first week of what was planned for a month's visit. However, Mr. Brant became ill and became unconscious on August 29th. Mrs. McArtor returned to Kansas City and was saddened by the news of Mr. Brant's death on September 9th. The many K. C. friends extend their sympathy. We are all sorry he did not live to attend our AAAD Basketball Tournament next April as he had planned and anticipated so happily.

UTAH . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Goga spent a wonderful two weeks motoring up to Portland, Oregon, where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Konrad Hokanson. The Gogas were shown the wonders of the Rose City by the Hokansons and another three days were spent seeing the sights of Seattle, Wash., as guests of Andy's relatives. They took in the Oregon Caves and Crater Lake, motored up the famous Redwood Highway of California and on the trip home Mrs. Goga was fortunate enough to win \$15 at a slot machine in Burley, Idaho, where they stopped for dinner.

The deaf of Salt Lake City and Ogden were entertained at a recent church picnic at Gwen Lagoon, where a good crowd showed up. Former acquaintances were renewed, old friends

were reunited, and no one went home until very late.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rogerson of Tucson, Arizona, were recent visitors to Ogden. They were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Jensen commemorating their 12th wedding anniversary together with Mr. and Mrs. George Laramie and Mr. and Mrs. Ned Wheeler. The event took place at the Maddox Ranch House. The Rogersons were also entertained at a dinner given by the George Laramies at the Laramie home in Salt Lake City.

Other local visitors were Mr. and Mrs. George Miraval of Tucson, Arizona, who spent a week visiting Mrs. Miraval's folks in Ogden. Mr. and Mrs. Arvel Christensen took them to Salt Lake, where they were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Clem Sevy and Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Pederson. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bourne of Phoenix, Arizona, dropped in on the Christensens also and remained overnight.

The Kenneth Burdett family spent a week camping out at Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Kenneth relates bagging 58 mackinaw trout. They enjoyed boating and water-skiing and returned home well tanned from the sun.

Mr. and Mrs. David Mudgett and Patsy, of Jacksonville, Illinois, were house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Burdett in Ogden during their vacation. The Mudgetts spent a whole month touring the various National Parks following the Teachers' Convention in Washington and found time to stop over in Ogden and Salt Lake City before returning to Jacksonville.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Low have moved into a new apartment and like the change right well. Fred has been feeling under the weather for quite some time and reports that the new locale has helped quite a bit. They have a grand view of the mountains now and want their friends to know their new address: 2411 Kensington Ave., Salt Lake City, Utah.

Congratulations to Sally Shimoda and Peter Green, who were married July 31 in Elko, Nevada. The happy couple were honored recently at a reception held at the Newhouse Hotel in Salt Lake City. Peter is employed as a mechanic at Midwest Service and Supply Company in that city and they will reside there. Sally and Peter spent a brief honeymoon on the west coast, in and around Los Angeles.

Mrs. Georgia Walker of Salt Lake City is getting about again since undergoing surgery on her left leg. Georgia spent a month in a local hospital. Prior to the operation, she had difficulty in walking about and her friends are happy that she is so much better.

Salt Lake City welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith of Los Angeles during the summer. The couple toured the Grand Canyon, Bryce National Park, and Zion and then ended up in Salt Lake City where they visited Mrs. Smith's friends and former classmates. Mrs. Smith attended the Utah School years ago and knew so many local residents that she and Paul had a really wonderful time. They were entertained at several parties in their honor prior to their departure for Brigham City to visit Irene's brother and then back home to southern California. Folks here hope Paul and Irene will come back again 'ere long.

NEBRASKA . . .

After a long interval — six months since the last meeting in April — the officers of the Omaha Club of the Deaf issued a call, clear and concise, for attendance at the October meeting of the club in Room No. 2 at the Swedish Auditorium in Omaha Saturday night, October 10th, and the response was surprising and most gratifying. There were around 75 people present, who evidently enjoyed the meeting, sitting three long hours and giving close attention to the business program, so interested were they in everything that was going on.

Eleven young people, most of them just out of school, marched in and joined up with the OCD, the largest group of new members to join at one time. At present the total enrollment in the OCD is exactly 211, and the club has been in existence only 8 years. This goes to show that the OCD has been growing fast all along, and besides, the spirit of the members is such that it is beleived to be about the best club of the deaf in the entire country.

Again we call the attention of the deaf, more particularly those in the midwest, to the 9th annual MAAD Basketball Tournament in Omaha, February 19 and 20, 1954, with the games at Central High School, right in the downtown section of Omaha, and with the headquarters at the Rome Hotel, a mere 10-minute walk from Central High. The tournament committee, headed by Tom Peterson and Dale Paden, Chairman and Assistant Chairman respectively, is busily occupied with various plans for the tournament, and they have had meetings several times already. There will be some new additions to the entertainment program: i.e., luncheon at the hotel Friday noon, February 19th, for the officers of the MAAD and the delegates to the meeting and the coaches and managers, and all others who are interested, with the price set at \$1.50, including tip; and reception Friday night at the hotel for all after the first series of the tournament games.

This big affair for the Midwest deaf will come when Omaha is just 100 years old, and the city Dads are planning an all-year celebration, which they call the Centennial Anniversary. There will be parades, pageants, shows and other different things to take place every month. Anyone of the deaf who comes can enjoy the MAAD tournament and at the same time help Omaha celebrate her 100th birthday.

The cabin camp of the Padens on the Platte River about 25 miles west of Omaha was the scene of great activity Sunday, October 10th, when there were about 75 people taking part in the trapshooting event sponsored by the new Omaha-Lincoln Gun Club of which Mr. Paden is president. The interest shown by the deaf in this new sport has been amazingly spontaneous this year, so naturally one expects big things of the club in the future. We do not have the official records of the shoot, but from

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what we have heard, it seems that Nick Peter, sen, the perennial athlete, won with 19 out of 25 for the locals, and Roy Sparks and Leonard Eggleston next with 17 or 18. And as for the visitors, we understand that Albert Stack of Olathe, Kan., coach of the KCCD basketball team, who came all the way up, copped first place with 20 out of 25.

Tom and Dolly Peterson, who were vacationing in Washington, D. C., the latter part of September were called back home by the serious illness of Tom's mother in a hospital at Crawford, Nebr. They had been in Washington with Dolly's son and family just a week, when they got two long distance calls and a wire from Omaha. They gave up the rest of their vacation and hurried back to Omaha, via airliner, leaving Washington, D. C. at 7:00 in the evening and arriving in Omaha after midnight. Almost immediately after returning, Tom went up to Crawford, 490 miles by rail from Omaha, and stayed there almost a week, helping take care of his mother, who had been under an oxygen tent two weeks. She was improving, though quite slowly, when he came back to Omaha.

Dale and Viola Paden are the proud grandparents of a baby girl born to Mary, their older daughter, of Omaha, and she is their first grandchild. But it will not be long before they have another grandchild from one of their sons in the South. Wonder if it is making Dale and Viola suddenly feel very old?

MINNESOTA . . .

The whole Latz family was surprised and very happy at the news that sister Sheba had up and married Lovell Allman, a hearing man, out in Los Angeles, Calif., August 20th. Sheba and Lovell honeymooned in Minneapolis, making the trip in their brand new "98" Oldsmobile, and were treated royally by the relatives. They also visited Lovell's mother down in Missouri and before they left Minnesota, Sheba was honored with a shower at Thompson Hall by Mesdames Sagel, Olsen, Folland, Latz, Freeburg, and Ginsburg. Leo opined that the couple should have hired a VAN to transport them and their wedding presents back home to Los Angeles.

Add to the list of new car owners, all going for Chevrolets: Jasper Colianni of Osseo; Joe Stanczyk of New Brighton; and Mrs. Petra F. Howard. The only one to disagree is William Nelson, who got rid of his Chevie and bought a '53 Ford.

It was really good to see old friend Joe Katz, formerly of St. Paul, appear in town late last August. Joe was joined later by his wife and children by plane from New York City. Ray Kirkland also paid a visit to Thompson hall the end of the summer. All of them returned home to Fort Worth, Texas, a week later, after being entertained by relatives and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. William Fry of Dassel became proud parents of a little son on August 30. Little Bruce tipped the scales at 7 lbs, 7½ ounces.

Allan Peterson of Los Angeles, Calif., was the guest of his brother and sister-in-law, the William Petersons of Ste. Paul, recently. Mrs. Frank Kohlroser, sister of the Petersons, joined them at the MSD-Minn. football homecoming at Faribault Oct. 10. Allan departed October 17 for home after an enjoyable two weeks here.

Also coming to town from Los Angeles were the Clinton Frys, who visited their brothers, Homer of St. Paul and William of Dessel.

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13th TRIENNIAL CONVENTION IS WEST VIRGINIA'S BEST

By common consent of all who attended the 13th triennial convention of the West Virginia Association of the Deaf it was the best one in the Association's history. Never before had as many as 300 thronged a convention such as featured the get-together at Parkersburg, West Virginia over Labor Day week-end. Financially also it was tops. Chief plaudits for this happy feat belong to the quiet-mannered but strong-willed Charles B. Deem Jr., who planned every detail of the convention almost single-handed.

Relying on his instinct born of long experience in organization work of his native state, genial Charlie sent an S. O. S. call to the NAD head office to dispatch their representatives to arouse greater interest in his flock in mountain valleys as well as on the prairies in the work of the N.A.D. It was a wise move for it led to an awakened enthusiasm for the cause of the century. This was manifested in the manner in which the enlightened West Virginians joined the ranks of the N.A.D. in such numbers and with such cash donations that the West Virginia today leads the parade of state organizations which raised the most for the N.A.D.

Scarcely a month before, the South Carolina Association of the Deaf won a place in the sun, having raised \$4,000, and now the flag of West Virginia has been hoisted higher to the tune of \$1,000 extra. This accomplishment would never have been realized but for the remarkable attitude of the deaf of West Virginia that it was their duty to help the N.A.D. prove to the world that it enjoys full confidence of all the deaf of North America. In so doing, the W.V.A.D. is entitled to universal accolade for play-

ing the valuable role of a pacesetter.

The banquet was attended by 200 delegates and friends. Every plate ordered was taken. Speeches by representatives of the N.A.D. were listened to with respect and appreciation. The N.A.D. Rally night held on Sunday night, Sept. 6th, directed by that inimitable G.G.K. brought down the house and at least two talented native citizens were unearthed and tagged for future entertainment roles in the G.G.K. camp. Over \$200 was raised for the N.A.D. at this rally.

Charles G. Weiner was re-elected president. Other new officers for the ensuing triennial term are: First Vice-President, Clifford Leach, Binghamton, N. Y.; Second Vice-President, Charles Venetis; Secretary, Mrs. Mary Heishman; Treasurer, William Heishman. Directors are Charles B. Deem and Glenn Hawkins.

Chief speaker of the convention was the newly appointed superintendent of West Virginia School for the Deaf, Hugo F. Schunhoff, who proved himself immensely popular with everyone through his democratic commingling with all conventioners and who made everyone feel at home in his company. Mr. Schunhoff received a warm ovation at the end of his speech outlining the objectives of his administration.

Morgantown, W. Va., was selected as the next convention site in 1956.

Retiring officers of the association were: Charles G. Weiner, president; Charles E. Marsh, first vice-president; Edgar W. Sparks, second vice-president; Merle D. Sparks, secretary; Eric Croft, treasurer; Charles B. Deem and Mrs. Demaris Hamilton, trustees.



The Travis Reilly's new home in North Kansas City.

They took in the birthday party for Percy Freeberg, who was presented with an electric saw for his work shop. They were so happy to be back among their Minnesota friends that they long over-stayed their visit.

It is believed that Mrs. Ruth Pape has moved out to California and plans to live there permanently. Anyone know her whereabouts?

OREGON . . .

Our sick list this month includes several local residents tho' fortunately none is too seriously ill. William Cook, an old time resident of Portland, suffered a mild heart attack but is up and around again; Vercie Larson is feeling chipper again following minor surgery.

M. Brownlow is still in bed recovering from a bout with pneumonia. Maggie has been our girl Friday when we needed help at the local Club and all her friends miss her and are looking forward to having her back amongst them.

Several Portlanders are driving new cars. Ralph Odell has traded in his late model for a '53 Studebaker and Harold Rife traded his for a Dodge.

Hannah Carlin has moved into a new apartment, which is much nicer because it is closer to her place of work at the hospital.

Kenneth Welch was the happy recipient of a gold tie clasp upon completion of ten years of faithful service to the Standard Oil Company. Mrs. Welch is right proud of Kenneth.

W. Bond, a victim of an auto accident a year ago, is able to be up and around with the aid of crutches. That is really good news and we hope he will soon be able to do away with the crutches.

Not to be outdone by the rest of us, the Harold Blakleys have treated themselves to a new television set.

Result of the Rose City Club's elections for 1954 are: James McGuire, Pres; E. Lockhart, V-Pres; Mayhew Norton, Secretary-Treasurer. Inez Adams is the new Financial Secretary.

A delicious chicken dinner was served recently by the Hope Lutheran Church and those of us who attended enjoyed second helpings. The dinner was in charge of capable Mrs. Herbert Foss, and everyone is hoping for another such affair soon.

There is no end to the beauty the Dewey Deers are putting into their new home. The landscaping is the most unusual and the most beautiful that most of us have ever seen and it is a real delight to visit the place.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Green and children are enjoying a visit down in California and, this being their first vacation in a very long time, they're making the most of it and having fun.

Jim and Mildred McGuire are grandparents once again. . . a grand daughter, and the Karl Johnsons are grandma and grandpa for the 4th time. The Johnsons are aiming at a record number of grandchildren.

WASHINGTON, D. C. . . .

Simon Alley passed away September 24th at the age of 66 after a brief illness. Mr. Alley took active part in all functions. . . Charles Moscovitz, DCCD program chairman, staged a successful Big Pay-Off Night at the Club. His tricks were duplicated from that on the TV show. . . Mrs. Emerson Hodge was tendered a surprise baby shower at the DCCD and received overwhelming piles of baby gifts for the newcomer expected in early November. Hostesses were the Madames Butler, Hoberman, Snyder, Betty Cox, and Nannie Lee Woods. . . Edwin V. Engelgau on the spur of the moment traded his '51 Chevy for a '53 Buick Special in time for his vacation sojourn to South Dakota with his family. . . Albert Linsey returned to the District from Chicago after an absence of two years and is presently holding down a position in a printing firm. . . The Thomas Petersons of Lincoln, Neb. visited with their son residing across the Potomac and Mr. made an appearance at the DCCD, meeting many acquaintances. . . John Funk of New York City sneaked away from a family get-together at his son's home in Baltimore to say the howdys in Class C at a recent Typo Printers Golf Tourney in the locality. . . Galaudet College opened its grid season with a jubilant victory over Wilson Teachers College, 6-0, the first in five years; but took defeat at the hands of Montgomery Jr. College, 6-13, the next week. . . Emerson Hodge tied with the production manager at the Washington Post in the Employees Football Contest and received two passes to the recent Washington-New York game at Griffith Stadium. . . The DDDC cage team is all set for the coming hardwood season under the coaching of Conrad Stedrak and the management of Robert Hopkins. . .

October 10th was a red-letter day for the fraters in form of the 18th annual ball. Over 500 made merry. Charles Moscovitz headed the committee and turned out a good job of it despite the crowdedness. So many Floridians and 23rd St. School (day school in New York City) products gathered that it seemed to some that there were Florida and 23rd St. School Alumni reunions. Bernard Teitelbaum of Pittsburgh, Pa. (eastern NFSD veep) attended along with the Ed Farnells of Jacksonville, N. C.; Marjorie Boggs of Akron, the Paul Blounts of Miami; Jimmy Davis of Rochester; Sanford Davis of Cleveland; the McGrains of Sandusky, Ohio; Ben Friedwald, the Joseph Calls and David Berch of New York City; James Barracks of Baltimore; the H. S. Fergusons of Philadelphia; the William A. Renners of White Plains, N. Y.; Edgar M. Winecoff of Winston-Salem, N. C.; and a great many others whose names cannot be recalled this moment (my apologies!). . . The L. Peters and Mrs. Kaminsky of New York were guests of the Robert Werdigs. . . The

Merle Goodins played hosts to the Ed Farnells and the James Collums of Little Rock, Ark. the next week. . . The Arthur Tabers attended the Ball and remained for an extra week sightseeing. . . Victor Lomonsov put up a hotel suite party in a gallant attempt to equal his famous "Room 850" during the 1948 NAD Convention.

Mrs. Velma Austin moved out of the swank Woodner Apts. to an apartment in the SE section to be near her place of employment. . . The Victor Gallaways are now settled up in Atlanta, Ga. . . Meda Scott is an ardent football fan attending the homecomings at W. Va., Va. Schools and professional games. . . Jean Folsom and Minnie Bache reported witnessing Va. School whip New Jersey soundly to the tune of 52-0.

CALIFORNIA . . .

Mary Aghabalian of Menlo Park writes: Mr. and Mrs. John Hibbard of Redwood City are hoping it is a son when old Doc Stork visits them this winter. They have two daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice C. Kesert of San Francisco entertained Mary and Vasken Aghabalian of Menlo Park at dinner in late September. Mrs. Hilda Buenze, also of the Bay City entertained at a "Tupperware" party at her home October 9, with a dozen ladies in attendance. Mrs. Gladys Wenger demonstrated the various plastic-ware.

Friends of Bob and Sally Miller learned with deep concern that their six-year old daughter was ill with leukemia. Many gifts from friends of the Millers had helped to cheer the little girl, but she passed away in November.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Johnson of Richmond, the mother of two children, is suffering from a mild form of polio. Friends are hoping for a complete and rapid recovery.

Alva and Bernice Reneau's San Francisco residence was the scene of a surprise gathering for the Aghabalians October 10. The McAllisters and Walter Hammerlunds of Oakland, and the Bill Barbours of Albany were present at the event and presented Mary and Vasken with a luscious all-wool blanket.

Lloyd Laybourn's 30-foot fishing boat "Old Glory" was launched at Oakland's yacht harbor on October 8. Oakland newspapers carried an account of the launching and a photograph of "Miss Oakland", who christened the boat.

Felix Kowalewski writes:

"Kow" was a recent visitor to the new Berkeley office of the NAD and was very much impressed with the place and likewise struck with (not by) the cheery and capable Mrs. Epding, who rules over that domain. She is a very nice person to know and everyone with a good excuse should drop in for a visit, leave some news for this column, and sign up for a subscription to the Silent Worker. Also, why not sign up with the NAD while you are there?

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Bud Simpson, Concord nimrod, got his deer the recent season. He bagged a 4-point buck weighing 140 lbs.

Bernard Bragg and Leo Jacobs hopped down to L. A. by plane the week end of October 26. There they took part in a benefit program at the Los Angeles Club sponsored by Lou Dyer for the L. A. basketball team. Larry Newman, Eleanor Nuernberger, and Fred LaMonto also helped Lou put on a mighty fine show that night with the incomparable Caligiuri as Master of Ceremonies. (This affair was erroneously reported as a 1955 Tournament Benefit).

Mrs. Leandro Maldonado spent seven weeks visiting with her mother, Mrs. Ellen Goodling, in York, Pa., during the past summer and the day after she left to return West, news came to Mr. Maldonado that Mrs. Goodling had passed away. It fell to Leandro to convey the sad news to Mrs. Maldonado when she arrived home in Berkeley. All of us extend our sincere sympathy.

Mrs. Evelyn Woodruff hosted a Tupperware Party at her Berkeley apartment October 23, with the Hart Wengers as representatives and demonstrators. About 15 local ladies were present and spent an enjoyable evening.

The Northern California Chapter of the Gallaudet College Alumni Association held their annual picnic at the Lakeside Picnic area of Temescal Park with Irwin Marshall as chairman and Caroline Burnes, the Ladners and the Ramgers on his Committee. An enjoyable time was had by all and the location was deemed ideal for other picnics, preferably during a warmer season of the year, tho. We were glad to see Rhoda Clark again, now that she has joined the Berkeley School staff as Girl's Counsellor.

Spotted at the GCAA picnic were Mrs. Agatha Hanson and her guest, Miss Genevieve Sink and Mrs. Edna Marshall Bertram. Mrs. Bertram, Gallaudet '06, lives up in Seattle and has two grown children. She was down visiting her son in Concord and having fun with her two grandsons. We learn that her daughter has four children and is married to Dr. Haviland of Seattle, a well known lecturer at the University of Washington.

Joseph Burnett of Ogden, Utah, is now with an engineering crew in Sacramento. He has been corresponding with a former classmate, Hub Sellner of Berkeley, and we hope to have a chance to see Joseph when he comes down to visit Berkeley in November. Joe was Gallaudet's greatest "miler" and failed to make the American Olympics (not the DEAF olympics, tho) by only a few seconds in timing. He was also one of Gallaudet's most formidable centers of all time on the basketball teams of his day. Incidentally, Joe is a rangy little guy of a mere six feet four.

Mrs. Buddy Blankenship, better known to all of us as Dee, was showered under a pile of little garments the afternoon of Sunday, November 3, at the home of Kathy Massey in Compton. Helping Kathy compliment Dee at the Shower were Evelyn Ash, Jeanette McGaw, and Mabel George.

"The strike" at North American Aircraft has laid off some 19,000 workers in and around Los Angeles. Dozens upon dozens of local deaf men and women are now on the loose and hoping that the strike is settled before very long. The lay-off gave some of them a chance to take off on short vacations, whilst others stayed at home fussing with the family budget just in case the strike is a long one. Lon Brown, Henry Garcia, Bob Newberry, and Epifanio Arce took the opportunity to drive down to Henry's old home town in Tucson, Arizona, in Arce's snazzy Chevrolet. They spent four days down there in an effort to locate Jack Craven and Frank Sladek but returned home after a fruitless search. They opine that the folks down there don't seem to know where the other fellow lives. . . or if they do, they won't tell. And the boys really wanted

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The Silent Printer

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*Who cleans the brayer with a spade
And thinks he knows the bloomin' trade,
Whose ways are in his name betrayed?*

—THE DEVIL

Know how the printers apprentice got his name, "the printers devil"? Neither did we until we noticed an article in "The American Pressman" recently. It is so interesting that we think it will bear passing along.

The title of "Printers Devil" is an ancient and interesting one that can be traced back to the very beginning of the art preservative. In the early days all books were hand written manuscripts and very costly, so, when Gutenberg and his followers brought forth a printed book that was cheap and that could be reproduced in a fraction of the time necessary to write it by hand, the ignorant folk of that day considered it sorcery. In 1450, John Faust of Mentz, was accused of black magic in the printing of his books. His shop was stormed by an angry mob. His wooden type, cut with such loving care, was burned and his crude printing press torn apart by men who felt they were justified in destroying such sorcerers.

Fifty years later, Aldus Manutius followed in the steps of John Faust. In the meantime, printing had made great strides. Presses had improved in style and a speed of twenty impressions per hour (!) was now possible. The path of the trade, however, was still a rocky one, blocked by the stumbling stones of public prejudices. As Manutius continued his operations in the face of opposition on every hand, those who saw in the spread of printing the end of their power, began to apply the pressure of mob psychology.

The climax came when one of the ships owned by Manutius brought back from Africa a small Negro boy. Manutius put the black boy in his printing shop. When the populace, many of whom had never seen a Negro before, beheld the boy in the employ of a man whom they were convinced was a sorcerer, they began openly to plot the destruction of Manutius and his shop — just as their forefathers fifty years before had endeavored to crush John Faust.

They began to refer to the black boy as "The Printer's Devil." From furtive whispering, the talk swelled into a great paean of hate that echoed through the

narrow streets as the mob closed in on the shop of Manutius driving the printers to shelter under a rain of stones.

Into the hail of stones stepped the scholarly Manutius, holding up his hand for silence. The mob quieted down to hear what he had to say. In simple language, Manutius explained his views on printing. He denied being a sorcerer; he demonstrated for their approval how the spread of the printed word would benefit mankind in general, be a light to brighten the dark caverns of ignorance and despair. He showed his crude efforts to be but the early steps in what might be, some day, a great art; and, last but not least, he would prove that that colored boy now in his employ was no imp of the devil, but a human being like themselves.

Manutius then beckoned to his printers, who dragged the terrified lad from his hiding place and set him up for all to see. Then, proclaiming that he was making a public exposure of his "Printer's Devil," Manutius caught up the boy and bravely stepped down into the midst of the mob.

Sheer surprise held them, checked the upraised clubs, restrained the arm about to snap a stone. Manutius pushed deeper still into the mob, holding the boy high in his arms, inviting all to come closer, to see the Negro boy, to touch him and to satisfy themselves that he was really flesh and blood like themselves and no imp of Satan.

Aldus Manutius won a great victory that day. He breached the wall of prejudice and gave printing an impetus that sent it on to new wonders. He won, too, for the grimy little lad who performs the menial tasks about the print shop, an honorable title. He shall be the "Printer's Devil" so long as paper and ink and type are used for the communication of ideas.

We were honored recently by a visit from the "Silent Barber," Carl Smith of Battle Creek, Michigan. It will be remembered that Mr. Smith is the person who offered to shave us free and for nothing by mail a while back. He explained that his visit was prompted by the fact that we never took him up on his kind (?) offer and came out here in person to wield his razor on our trademark. However, after seeing our beard in person he was so overcome with its magnificence that he agreed that it would be little short of sacrilege to tamper with it.

to see Craven and Sladek on important business, too.

Bill West took a plane to Dawson, Alaska, to attend the funeral of his father, Jesse, who died of a heart attack just recently. Jesse was the "Old Sourdough" featured in a SILENT WORKER write-up a year or so ago. His many friends will miss his frequent visits to the EBCD and to the Bay Area. Condolences are extended to Bill and Florence upon their great loss.

The John Galvans recently purchased a new home in Richmond Annex area and are mighty busy these days getting settled.

Bob and Berta Guerre of Oakland have added another B to their family, a fine baby boy named Brad, the delight of young daughter Brenda.

And now we swing South: Alvin and Margie Klugman took advantage of the year-end discounts and traded in their '51 Ford for a '53 Plymouth "Cranbrook" with all the trimmings, including Hy-Drive. Other new car owners are Fred and Virginia LaMonte, a '53 Buick and Vic and Val Cookson traded in their almost new Ford for a '53 Nash Rambler.

Guests came bearing gifts of pink, blue and white, the afternoon of Saturday November 7, when Mrs. Melvin Harbert (Joan Willey) was feted at a Baby Shower at the Los Angeles Club. A delightful luncheon was served at 1:30 by the committee in charge: Mesdames O'Brien, Skedsmo, Cookson, Gerichs, Brinker, Lamberton, Smallidge, Gardner, Rattan, Dunlan and Pois.

Everyone had fun October 17 out in North Long Beach when the BeachCombers Basketball team and Ellen Grimes invited over a hundred people to a Housewarming at the new home of John and Jerry Fail. They converted the spacious walled-in garage into a regular night-club with the Beachcomber's colors of green and white; hung Japanese lanterns across the big rear lawn and kept a

roaring fire going in the patio fireplace most of the night. Still, the place was full to overflowing and, if the truth must be told, the last of the merry-makers did not depart until 8 a.m. Sunday. In charge of the festivities were Ellen Grimes and Lon Brown, together with the basketball boys; Bob Newberry, Frank Luna, David Longoria, Henry Garcia, Buddy Price, Robert Broomfield, Ross Bailey, Epifanio Arce and Eva Leach. It is so seldom that a team does so much for their Coach and John and Jerry have pledged themselves to even greater effort upon behalf of the team for the coming season.

Prospective bridegrooms honored at Stag Parties recently were Connie Marchione and Frank Luna, who were married to Dorothy Foley and Patricia Halloran Jobe October 17, and 24th respectively. Dorothy and Pat were also feted at bridal showers prior to the weddings. Married in a nuptial mass at St. John's Catholic Church at 10 a.m. on October 17th, Connie and Dorothy departed on a honeymoon immediately thereafter and no one has yet found out where they went.

Pat and Frank said their "I do's" at 5 p.m. October 24 at the Little Church Around the Corner in Inglewood with a reception immediately following the ceremony. They're now on their honeymoon, following which they will reside in Inglewood.

With Mabel George at the helm, dozens of happy people converged on the Millard Ash home in Torrance the afternoon of Sunday, October 11, to surprise them with a gay Housewarming. The party lasted long past the usual departure time and the food prepared by Mesdames George, Grimes, Park, Blankenship, Nunn, Morgan, Fail and Polinger was enough to please the palate of anyone. Also on the committee were Mesdames Alna, Massey, O'Neil and Wilma King. Kathy Massey was ill at the time and missed the party.

Another Housewarming, (they seem to be all

the rage right now) honored the Kyle Workmans at their new 166th Street home out in Torrance on Sunday afternoon, October 24 with Lillian Skinner heading the committee. Max and Mary Thompson also feted at a Housewarming at their beautiful North Hollywood residence Sunday, October 18th.

Mr. and Mrs. Art C. Johnson of Rock Island, moved out to Santa Barbara last summer and they like living on the West Coast very much. He wishes to contact all former residents of Illinois, so write to him at 120 LaMarina, Santa Barbara, Calif.

Hugh Pulver of Davenport, Iowa, spent a month in Los Angeles with his many friends. Hugh departed October 4 for San Francisco and Portland, where he planned to see the sights before returning home to Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivor Friday of Detroit, Mich., spent an enjoyable visit in Los Angeles too, at the home of their daughter. They met many old friends and former residents of Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Nugent of Tucson, Arizona, have moved up to Blythe, Calif., where they are making their home.

ILLINOIS . . .

Housewarming Parties have been tendered at the lovely new homes of the Lois Burris in Elgin, the LeRoy Davises in North Lake, the Frances Huffmans in Brookfield, and the Otto Wallmans and Wayne Bovees on the Northwest side. The Solomon Deitchs move into their new home in July and the Joe Abarbanells and the Meyer Rosenblatts are also on the list of new homeowners.

Chicagoans who took advantage of the low summer rates down in Florida were the Lester Hagemeyers, who drove down in their new '53 Plymouth, and the Elmer Diszs in their '53 Ford. The John Sullivans and the Dave Paddens went down by train. Later Mrs. Sullivan and Mrs. Morton Henry drove as far west as Arizona with relatives and then went

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on by train to Los Angeles and San Francisco, where they visited the Ben Ursins and Betty Erickson. Mrs. Henry took a plane home to Chicago in time to report for work, while Helen continued on up to Oregon to visit relatives. Others who drove out west were the Jack Kondells to Vancouver Island and Banff, Canada; The Edward Mastnys thru the Black Hills to Yakima, Washington, where they ran into the Kondells who were visiting the Jack Seipps. All four visited the Herman Baims in Portland, Oregon. The Fred Lees spent their vacation in Denver, Colo., and Harry Kessal went to Montreal and Quebec, Canada. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ruskin went the other way . . . to New York and the District of Columbia.

S. Robey Burns and his "Olympic Boys" have returned from their trip to the International Games in Brussels, Belgium, with medals and souvenirs. Mrs. Frieda Meagher and Mrs. Edna Carlson went on to Sweden, making it six countries they visited on their European trip. Frieda was given a "bon voyage" dinner by a group of friends before she left and she also received many useful gifts.

The Edwin Hazels' 22nd wedding anniversary was announced by a skit made up by Mrs. Kitty Leiter and Mrs. Frances Fitzgerald at the Huffmans' housewarming party.

Mrs. Leiter spent all of the past summer here and there, first taking a week end trip by plane to San Francisco and then two weeks in the Pennsylvania Poconos Mts. The rest of the time was spent boating at a resort at McHenry with her married daughter, Doris.

The Lenny Warshawskys spent their vacation visiting the folks in New Jersey. Celia's mother came back with them and spent more than a month alternately visiting with Celia and her twin, Julia, in Flint, Mich.

Mrs. Frank Sullivan took her little son Mickie for a whole month with her folks in Virginia and Tennessee. Sully, as usual, went golfing in Akron and up in Wisconsin.

The Julius Dhondt's recently purchased a 1953 Chevrolet and rumor has it that they are looking around at the new homes with the hope of buying a house.

Mrs. William Suttka spent a month in Florida visiting the Emery Horns.

The Horace Roys gave a reception at the CCD the end of September for the Henry Feuxs of New Orleans, who had been their guests for three weeks.

Mittie Williams was given several dinners and luncheons before she left town for Jacksonville, where she is now a supervisor at the school there.

Mrs. Anton Tanzar had several ladies at her home recently for dinner and a card party afterward.

The Chicago Club's Annual Floor Show at the end of September was a huge success, thanks to Art Shawl and his sidekick, John Fuhr, and their talented helpers. A crowd of some 400 showed up at the affair and most of them were of the younger generation.

OKLAHOMA . . .

(Vollie Hay is leaving Oklahoma City for Kentucky and we are fortunate in securing the services of Miss Bernice Shedeck of Yukon, Oklahoma, who will represent Oklahoma for us henceforth. We welcome Bernice to our list of correspondents and urge the people of her state to see that she gets the news of their activities. — News Ed.)

Residents of Oklahoma City are sorry to see Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hay leave for Kentucky. Vollie's position as secretary of the Oklahoma Association of the Deaf has been turned over to Bernice Shedeck of Yukon.

Approximately 400 alumni and visitors witnessed the Illinois-Oklahoma football game at the Sulphur school the end of September 26. Our Indians won 13-6. Seen among the crowd at the school following the game were Eugene Brice of Fort Worth, Tex., who motored up in his '53 Plymouth; J. L. Jackson, the Little

Rock basketball star, and the Ed Foltzes of Arkansas; Richard Fair of Akron, Ohio, who was a guest of Richard and Bernice Shedeck and whose appearance proved a pleasant surprise to the folks in town. James Jackson said he is now employed as a linotype operator in Fort Smith, Ark.

Friends everywhere extend sympathy to Mrs. L. B. Hall, the wife of our Oklahoma School superintendent, whose father passed away September 28. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

Charles R. Hays, Jr. of Ringwood, will go up to Kansas City, Mo., where he plans to take in the American Royal Livestock Show. Nadine Davis of Tulsa enjoyed her recent trip up to Canada where she visited her grandmother.

Billie Parman and Raymond Kolander both have very good positions as linotype operators down in Pauls Valley, Okla., and at the Montana School respectively. Both Billie and Ray are Gallaudet graduates of 1953.

Jesse Nunn has landed a job in Edmond and says his salary is much better than what he made at Sayre. His family has moved to be with him in Edmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Wray Smith (nee Donna Barnett) of Antlers are the proud parents of a baby boy born the 5th of October. Congratulations.

The Ruby Mission Society held a Hankie Shower for Vollie Hay before her departure for Kentucky to join Richard. Vollie was very much surprised and received two dozen beautiful handkerchiefs. (Now, Vollie, you'll dread leaving those good friends in O.C. but don't you cry, despite all those hankies. News Ed.)

The Oklahoma City Silent Club has elected its officers for 1954. The new President is Alfred Stephens and the Veep is Robert Seal. Others who make up the new panel are Mrs. Ada Norris, Sec'y; and Arthur West, Treasurer. Ada and Arthur were re-elected.

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CHECKMATE!

By
"Loco" Ladner



This month we are turning the spotlight on the Los Angeles Chess Club of the Deaf. Young in years, yet progressive and aggressive, the Club has been meeting regularly at homes of members. But the Club is not afraid to take on outside competition as demonstrated last June when the members played against a champion in a simultaneous exhibition. C. E. Kodil, champion of the City of Los Angeles Employees, and one of the strongest players in Southern California, took them on and yet two of the members scored against him. Foster D. Gilbert drew and Robert Skinner won! Thus the Club is justly proud of its first competition as a team. Bob Skinner received a chess book for defeating Mr. Kodil (see photo).

Here is the game won by Bob Skinner over C. E. Kodil:

King's Pawn Opening

White: C. E. Kodil	Black: R. Skinner
1. P-K4	P-K4
2. N-QB3	P-Q3
3. B-B4	Q-Q2(a)
4. P-Q3	N-KB3
5. P-KR3	N-QB3
6. B-KN5	B-K2
7. BxN	BxB
8. N-B3	P-QR3
9. O-O	O-O
10. N-Q5	Q-Q1
11. P-QB3	N-R4
12. B-N3	B-K3
13. N-R2	P-B3
14. NxB ch	QxN
15. BxB	QxB
16. P-KB4	P-QN4
17. P-B5	Q-K2
18. N-N4	P-B3
19. P-QR4	N-N2
20. N-K3	KR-Q1
21. P-B4	PxRP
22. QxP	Q-Q2
23. P-QN4	P-QR4
24. P-N5(b)	N-B4
25. PxP(c)	NxQ
26. PxQ	N-B4
27. KR-Q1	RxP
28. N-Q5	R-N2
29. R-R3	R-N6
30. RxR	NxR
31. N-B7	R-N1
32. R-N1	P-R5(d)
33. N-N5(e)	R-N3
34. N-B3	P-R6
35. N-N5(f)	P-R7
36. RxN(g)	P-R8 queens, ch.
	37. K-R2
	38. R-R3
	39. K-N3
	Q-K7

40. N-B3 QxQPch
41. K-R4 QxBP
42. K-R5 Q-KB2ch
43. K-N4 R-N7
44. P-N3 R-KB7
45. P-R4 P-N4
46. P-R5 R-KR7
47. K-B3 QxPch
48. Resigns (h)
- (a) A move contrary to chess principles. But Bob is well known for going off the beaten path, even on the third move. Maybe a psychological move to throw his opponent off the track. "What a duffer," thinks the opponent, and he grows confident and careless.
(b) We do not like this move, as it seems to weaken the White position and allow Black to penetrate with the Rook Pawn. PxP seems better.
(c) Loses a pawn, yet there seems nothing better. 25 . . . NxQP is a threat.
(d) The winning move.
(e) What about P-B5 instead, for a counter threat. Would it have worked?
(f) N-R2 seems better.
(g) Should resign instead, but as befits a champion, fights on.
(h) Congratulations upon a well played game, Bob.

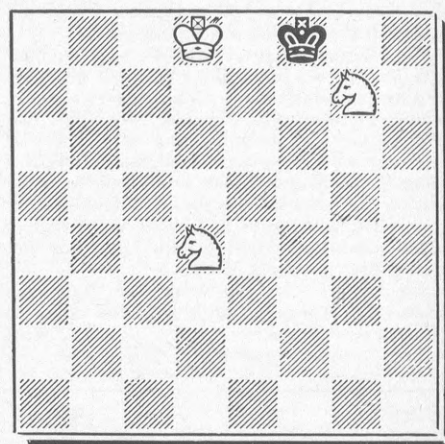
The Chess Problem

No doubt last month's problem puzzled our chess players if they took the trouble to attempt it. For the answer is PxP e.p. This means that White's Bishop Pawn at B5 captures the Black Pawn now at N4. How is this possible? It was because the Black Pawn moved from its original position at N2 to N4, thus passing the White Pawn. But it does not escape capture for White can do so if he wishes. This kind of move is called capturing "en passant" (in passing) and the capture is made as if the Black Pawn had moved only one square instead of two. So now after PxP e. p. (en passant), the White Pawn has moved to N6. Black cannot prevent mate on the next move. If any of our

readers have been able to follow us this far, they will be asking: How do you know that Black had moved P-N4 on his last move? Well, just go over the moves possible for the other Black men and you will see that no other move was legal.

Incidentally capturing en passant is not unusual but is not commonly known to many amateur players and beginners. Watch for it.

The problem for this month is also unusual. Instead of thinking ahead, we must think backwards and take back a move. Then we make another move in its place so that after Black's reply, we mate on the second move. We must decide what was White's last move; retract it; then make another move in its place. Some of us are in the habit of doing this while playing. Seems a bad habit, doesn't it?



White retracts his last move, and, instead, mates in two moves.

Correction

Several typographical errors went undetected in Juan Font's article in the September issue and for these we sincerely apologize to Mr. Font. Especially so for the transposition of names of the players in the first game. It was Mr. Font who had White and who won the game!

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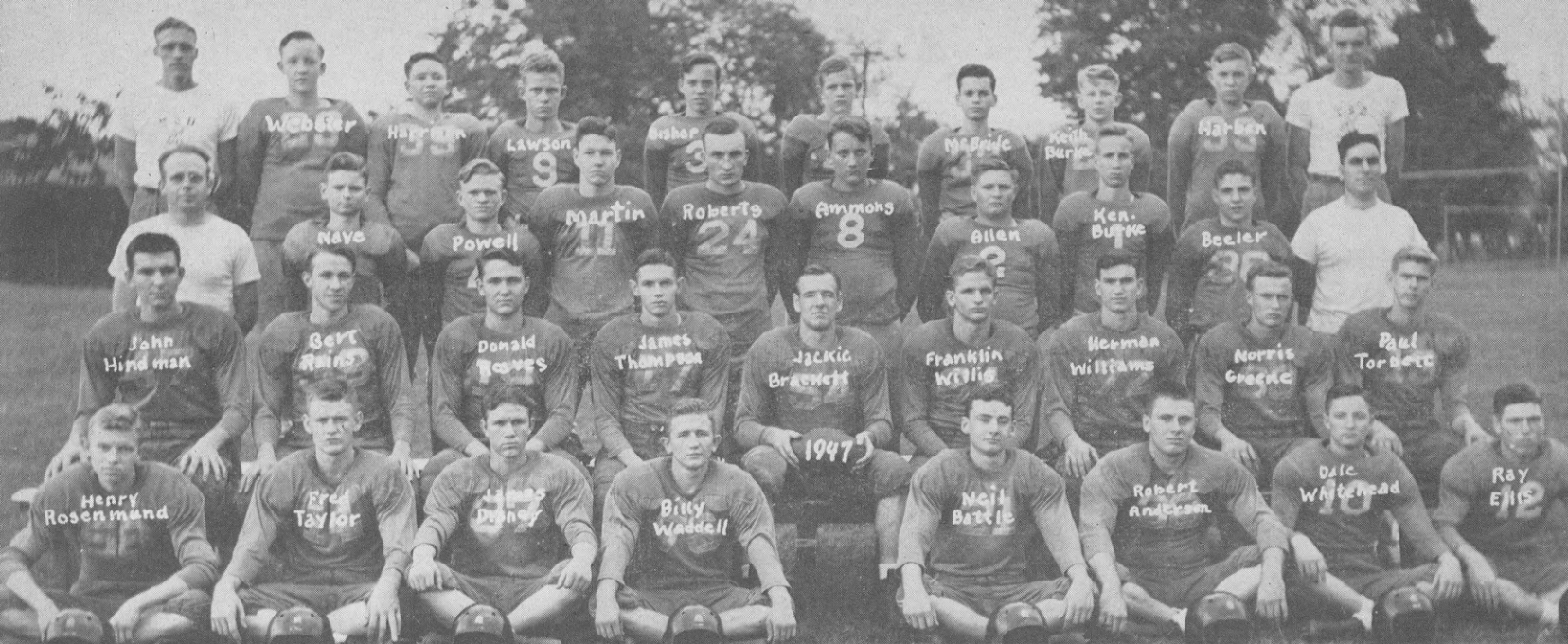
Arthur Dake took a 1,500-mile airplane trip to play Alekhine, who was scheduled to give a simultaneous exhibition. Dake lost in 13 seconds!

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A book was once published in Germany with the title, "Advice to Spectators at Chess Tournaments." All the pages except the first were blank. On this page were only two words in German, which translated to English meant "Keep your mouth shut."

Left to right, standing: C. E. Kodil, Bob Skinner, H. Tabor, President of the Department of Power and Water Chess Club; Herman Leon, A. Stump (hearing engineer); Foster D. Gilbert, Don Rosenkjar, Hubert Becher, F. Palmer. Seated are Einer Rosenkjar and Roger Skinner. Photograph was taken by Nancy Roose, former women's chess champion of Belgium.





Coached by E. Conley Akin, assisted by Jess M. Smith, this 1947 TSD squad is rated the greatest eleven in SIXTY years. In winning all eight games, TSD rang up 381 points to its opponents' 32.

A History of Football at the Tennessee School

By Eli Conley Akin

(Editor's Note: This is the first of a series of articles on "A History of Athletics at the Tennessee School for the Deaf." This is the title of a thesis which E. Conley Akin has submitted to the Graduate Council of the University of Tennessee in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree of Master of Science, with a major in Physical Education. The article below was condensed from a chapter on football which has 27 pages.)



E. CONLEY AKIN

E. Conley Akin is the first TSD graduate to coach TSD football since 1928. He took over at the Knoxville institution in 1938, so this is his 16th season. He thus takes the longest tenure of any mentor during the 60-year history of TSD gridiron. Akin has an overall record of 57 wins, 57 losses, and 6 ties, but he is best known to the nation for his powerful 1947-48-49 football teams.)

FOOTBALL WAS INTRODUCED to the Tennessee School for the Deaf as an intramural sport a few years prior to 1892. In 1892 Dan Watson, who came to Knoxville as a counsellor with some football experience at Gallaudet College in Washington, D.C., was instrumental in producing the school's first organized team. There were two major problems to the team: (1) no daily practice except Saturdays and (2) no funds for necessary equipment. Mr. Watson managed to raise an equipment fund with donations solicited from the faculty and student body and purchased some equip-

ment from the W. W. Woodruff Hardware Co. The players nailed leather cleats to their civilian shoes in the school shoe-repairing shop.

A pictorial record shows the members of the first football squad: Carrol Battle, Alex Barret, Byron Boyd, John Coffman, John Cooper, Clarence Crumpton, James K. Davis, Henry Hale, Charles Jackson, Ernest Leonard, Kennedy Oldham, Rufus Parker, Romulus Perry, Lester Rosson, Dan Watson (Coach and Manager), and Elias Willis. (This picture was donated to the writer by the widow of the school's first coach, Dan Watson.)

The first game was with a town team known as "Moffett's Team" and the Watson coached deaf boys won easily 24 to 0.

In the second game the team was defeated by the University of Tennessee, 18-8. After learning of the close game the team had given the University of Tennessee, other teams were less eager to play.

No record is available as to results in 1893, although the school paper states that the team had practice on Saturdays in order to get in shape for a game with the University of Tennessee on Thanksgiving Day.

In 1894 the school played two games with the university. An article written for the school paper by J. H. Ownbey, team manager, was not clear as to whether the university varsity or scrubs played the school. Ownbey claimed that the school should have won the first game, accusing the university captain of using five varsity members to help his team defeat the school, 20 to 0. In a return game the teams battled to a 12-all deadlock; however, the school called it a moral victory.

On Thanksgiving Day, closing the season of 1894, the deaf boys handed the "Town Boys" (Moffett's Team) a 20-0 defeat. (William C. Johnson was captain of the 1894 team and is still living in Fountain City, Tenn.)

The school played three games with the university team in 1895. The school won the first game, 18-0, and the two others resulted in ties, 10-10 and 0-0. (TSD's team averaged 149 pounds while U-T's average weight was 165.)

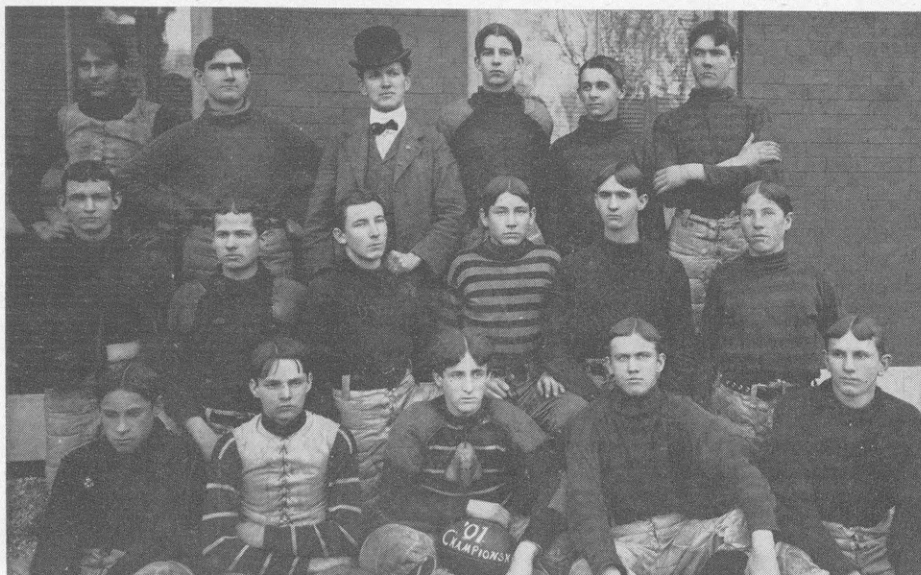
A star of these games was Henry Hale, halfback, assisted by Lester Rosson, quarterback and captain. Manager Ownbey again claimed that the University used several "ringers" from other teams in these games, from the Tennessee Medical College, the Uni-



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Tennessee School for the Deaf's golden age on the gridiron began with this 1901 team. Front row, left to right: Walter Green, Leonard B. Dickerson, Wood Payne, John Parker, William Cole. Middle row: William Pugh, Jesse Newell, Joe Turnbow, Carl Warmack, Robert Epperson, George Huff. Back row: Henry Pritchard, John Pyle, Coach Walter Rosson, Percy Ligon, Ben Wingo, Alex Carnahan.

versity of Tennessee, and the Knoxville Athletic Club.

In 1896 the boys coached by Albert Walker, one of the faculty, dealt the University of Tennessee second team a 12-0 defeat. This revenge came a month after their 8-0 loss at the hands of the same university team.

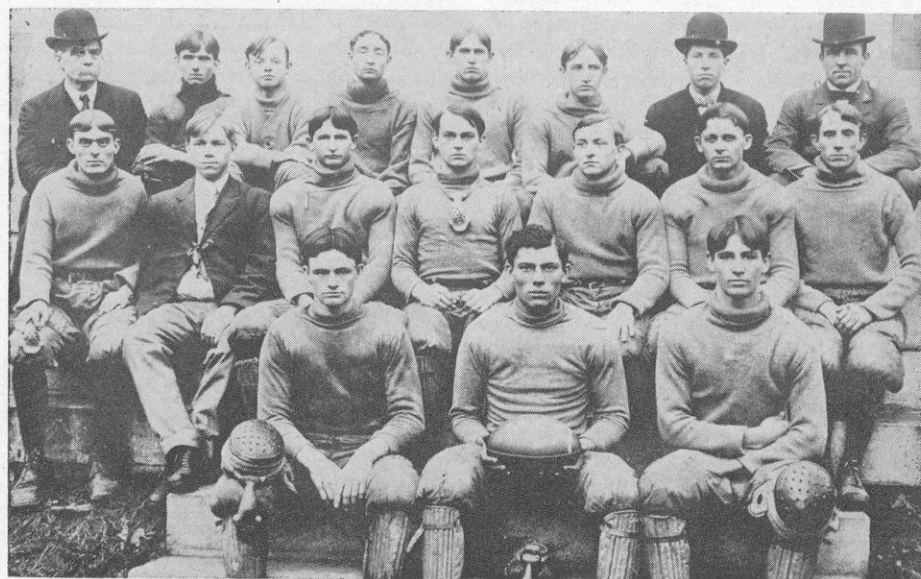
The school, weakened by a loss of several star players, dropped two games to the university second team, 18-4 and 28-16, in 1897.

Nothing is available as to results in 1898, as the first four numbers of *The Silent Observer* from October 31 through December 12 are missing.

The year 1899 witnessed the school's three teams in competition. The varsity team played the University of Tennessee second team twice. Following a 0-0 tie game, the teams met again and the university won, 28-16. The second team lost its only game to North Knoxville, 4-0. Afterwards the second team was not allowed by Superintendent Thomas L. Moses to play any more games because its members had been engaged in "furious quarrels" with the hearing boys. The third team defeated the High School, 25-0 and 20-0, and in the third game overconfidence resulted in a 4-0 loss to the same team.

The undefeated and untied Tennessee School for the Deaf football team which annexed the Knoxville Prep School Football league championship for two consecutive years in 1907 and 1908. Left to right, first row: Crockett Burgin, Henry Swinney, Charles H. Ashe. Middle row: Elbert A. Birmingham, Wesley Steele, Adolphus A. Kee, Lem Anderson, James Fowler, Ben Wingo, Andrew Bozarth. Back row: Supt. Thos. L. Moss, Fair Griffin, Willie Tillet, General Moreland, William Dalton, Clarence Olinger, Mgr. George Huff, Coach W. H. Chambers.

Members of the 1900 varsity team were: W. Payne, fullback; W. Cole, left halfback; J. Newell, right halfback; L. Dickerson, quarterback; J. Chandler, center; G. Huff, right guard; R. Osborne, left guard; W. Thompson, right tackle; W. Pugh, left tackle; P. Parker, left end; J. Brumley, right end. This team was defeated, 0-29, by Baker-Himel High School with the aid of "Big Bill" Newman, captain of the university team and one of the South's best guards. According to *The Silent Observer*, the varsity team made an even break in a series of two games with Girls' High School, winning, 12-0, and losing, 0-11. The school paper failed to mention Girls' High School's coeducational status. Therefore, "Girls' High School" was puzzling to other state schools for the deaf receiving copies of *The Silent Observer* in exchange, and as a result



The Kentucky Standard published by the Kentucky School for the Deaf ran this humorous item:

The Silent Observer of the Tennessee School gives an account of a game of football played between the Institution eleven and the Girls' High School team of the city. How those boys must have enjoyed the game!

For the first time since the team's organization the school held daily practice.

"The Golden Age" 1901-1908

The four-year reign of Coach Walter Rosson from 1901 through 1904 has been regarded one of the best gridiron epochs in the school's history. According to Roy J. Stewart of Washington, D. C., Walter Rosson was an able assistant coach as well as a player at Gallaudet College and one of Gallaudet's immortals. He came to Knoxville and produced powerful teams during his coaching career. In 1901 his eleven defeated Baker-Himel, 11-6, and 5-0, and tied the third team from the University of Tennessee, 5-5. Among the outstanding members of the 1901 team were Willie Cole, George Huff, Jess Newell, Wood Payne, John Pritchard, and John Pyle. After fifty years had passed, in the writer's interview with him, Rosson still called Wood Payne the best athlete he ever coached. Coach Rosson's team claimed the championship of the East Tennessee Football Association. In 1902 the eleven, captained by Leonard Dickerson, went undefeated again, beating Maryville College, 12-0, and the university scrubs, 16-0, and later being held to a 0-0 tie by the same university scrubs.

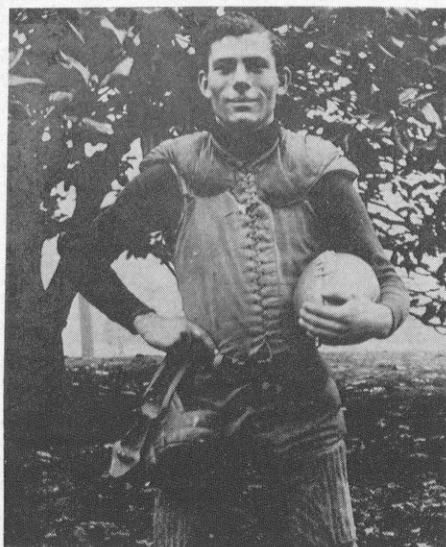
All members of the 1902 team except two were back for the 1903 season. Wood Payne was called one of the best backs and drop kickers and a "corking plunger." The school dropped a 6-0 game to the strong University eleven, with Payne playing the best all-around

game on the field and also making most of the tackles. Coach Rosson withdrew Payne at the protest of Maryville College on grounds that he had played professional baseball, and Maryville College beat his team, 12-0, for the championship of the East Tennessee Football Association. In the same year the team played North Carolina School for the Deaf. At halftime the score was 51-0 in favor of the Tennessee eleven and the last half was cancelled.

In 1904 Rosson's team won the East Tennessee Football Association title after a 5-0 victory over Maryville College. The silent eleven had beaten Tusculum College, 11-0; Grant University of Athens (now Tennessee Wesleyan College), 82-0, and the University of Tennessee scrubs, 16-0. The school's record (82-0) still stands to this day. During this season Wood Payne did not play, for he had accepted a coaching position with the North Carolina school for the Deaf. Carl Warmack was depended on as tackle and fullback.

The fall of 1905 saw Wood Payne coming back from North Carolina to replace Rosson, who had resigned as coach and boys' supervisor, and Payne was even to play again. His brother, Lonas, played quarterback along with him. A local newspaper tells of a 16-6 forfeit to the University of Tennessee varsity by the school's eleven, called "dummies." The game was full of unnecessary roughness, of which both teams were guilty. The last half was forfeited by Coach Payne's crippled team short of substitutes with the "Mutes' big halfback" Warmack and Coach Payne both laid out by the heavier university varsity. Payne had stunned the spectators by making a 75-yard run for the lone touchdown. The local paper praised Henry Swinney, called a "dark horse" for his brilliance in the game.

Among the winning university play-



Jesse Warren, son of deaf parents now living in Los Angeles, Calif., produced this 1936 TSD team that was undefeated but held to a scoreless tie by Jefferson City. Members of this outfit which won six and tied one are from left to right, front row: Elbert Carr, Clifton Moss, Adolphus Akins, John Poston, Tim Valentine, James Peach. Back row: Joe Bishop, Royce Kirk, Coach Jesse Warren, Fred Smith, Stafford Collins, Walter Bush. Outstanding players were Smith, fullback; Collins, tackle, and Bishop, end.

ers was a "fleet-footed" freshman, J. Walker Leach, who later was an all-southern player in 1907-1908. Leach, the South's greatest back in 1908, is regarded one of the university's most versatile and brilliant stars between 1890 and 1950.

According to records found in three publications of the University of Tennessee, the 1905 TSD gridiron encounter was the last ever played against the university.

In 1906 the school's interscholastic football competition was suspended on account of lack of material, and football was thereafter played on an intramural basis until October and then intramural basketball took place.

In the fall of 1907 W. H. Chambers came to the school from the North Carolina school as a teacher and coach. His team included Captain Henry Swinney, fullback; Charles Ashe, left halfback; Crockett Burgin, right halfback; Clarence Olinger, quarterback; Elbert Birmingham, right end; Westley Steele, right tackle; Adolphus McKee, right guard; Lem Anderson, center; James Fowler, left guard; Ben Wingo, left tackle, and Andrew Bozarth, left end. The new coach's greatly improved team brought forth nostalgia for the old days under the efficient coaching of Rosson and his players made a great demonstration of their prowess. The team joined the City Prep League, whereby it was to play Knoxville, Baker-Himel and Central.

Henry Swinney, captain - fullback of the 1907 and 1908 undefeated and untied TSD elevens. At present he is a machinist. All the members of his family are deaf, including three sons and one daughter.

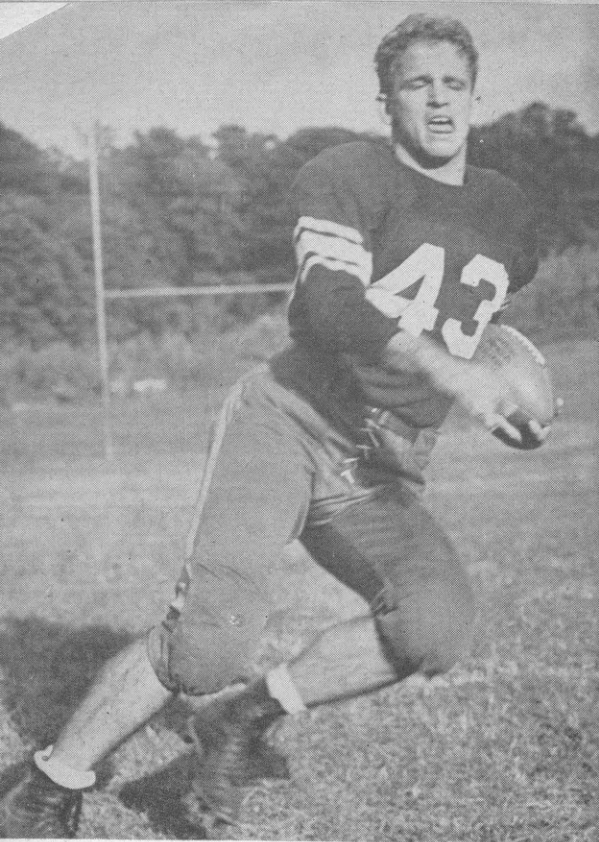
The school rallied from a 6-0 score to a 16-6 victory over the Knoxville High School aggregation in a gridiron contest officiated by Thompson McClung. It was a coincidence that the fullbacks of the teams were captains, Henry Swinney of the Tennessee School for the Deaf and George Dempster of Knoxville High School, now mayor of Knoxville. Thompson McClung's 1907 *East Tennessee Football Review* states that strong Baker-Himel met their "Waterloo" when they lost to Coach Chambers' team, 14-6. The school won the first Prep School Football League championship by defeating Central, 11-4. McClung selected Swinney, Steele and Burgin on his all-city team.

Again the school took the city title with Swinney as "the whole show" in 1908. Among those named on the all-city team were fullback Swinney, quarterback Olinger, guard Fowler, and center Anderson. The second team also emerged undefeated.

Decline: 1909-1924

In 1909 the City Prep League was discontinued. Coach Chambers' team won only one victory during the season of 1909 over Knoxville High, 6-0, fought with Grant University to a 0-0 deadlock, and bowed to Baker-Himel, Maryville College, and King College.

In 1910 intramural football was substituted after the apparent disastrous loss of nearly the whole team from the preceding season. Until 1926 intramural football was maintained. Attempts toward reorganization for interscholastic competition were made in the fall of 1917 during the administration of Superintendent Horace Walker but failed for two reasons: lack of athletic funds and



A Memphian, Franklin Willis, was the star quarterback of the Tennessee School for the Deaf for four seasons (1946-49). Quarterback in the T-formation, Willis not only passed, kicked and blocked beautifully, but also did a lot of running, and is rated the greatest moleskin player in the sixty year history of TSD gridiron. Franklin is given much credit for the fact that his team was voted the Nation's No. 1 school for the deaf team in 1948, the second best in 1947 and 1949, and the third best in 1946, and during those four seasons his school won 28, lost 6, and tied 1. The 170-pound, 5-foot, 10-inch athlete also gained renown in track, winning the national schools for the deaf mythical 220-yard dash, an exceptional bowler, frequently rolling more than 200, and on the court he was especially adept at backboard work. But football was his chief forte and his name was big up around the eastern section of Tennessee. During those four seasons he made a total of 321 points—51 touchdowns and 15 extra points—and also passed for 29 touchdowns and 13 extra points. He was the first player ever to earn All-America schools for the deaf honors three consecutive years and was designated as "Gem of the Year" among deaf players in 1948. At present he is a sophomore at Gallaudet college. His father, Charles F. Willis, is familiar to many Memphians, an affable fellow who, though deaf, manages to get in plenty of conversation — written.

fear of protests from the pupils' parents. The 15-year absence of interscholastic football ended in 1925.

Since Revival in 1925

In 1925 Lewis S. Pope, Commissioner of Institutions, made possible the reorganization of football at the school, with an order for new football uniforms. In spite of the biggest problem, inexperience, Coach Chambers' eleven played three games with the Boyd, Young, and Ewing (Va.) high schools. It scored a victory over Ewing with Leonard Ashbridge making the lone touchdown on a muddy field.

There was no football in 1926 on account of the lack of material following the heavy loss of players of the 1925 season. In 1927 the school played only two games, losing to Young and the North Carolina School for the Deaf, the latter, 45-0.

In 1928 W. H. Chambers retired as coach but remained in the academic department. The new coach was Thomas (Nick) Charles, a senior at the University of Tennessee. (He was one of the student leaders and a member of Neyland's football squad and of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. In 1942 while a B-17 squadron commander Major Charles was missing in action in New Guinea and later officially listed as dead), he surprised the administration with his ability to bring the school's football potentialities to a full scale. Despite his inability to use the sign language, his demonstrations were so effective as to make the season a success with a record of five wins and five losses. Highlights of the season were a 6-0 defeat of Young High School, with Robert Spicer racing 100 yards for the touchdown, and a 38-0 victory over North Carolina. The 1928 team was captained by Warren Rogers.

It was regrettable that the idolized Coach Charles did not return in 1929. His successor was Fred Kent, who although without coaching experience had been connected with the North Carolina school. He had three unusually good seasons, the best being 1931. Outstanding players captained by the writer included Paul Brown, Walker Griffin, Glen Johnson, John Johnson, Paul Keisling, Billie Love, Wilbur Mathes, Robert Pendergrass, Walter Thomas, and Odell Tillman. Paul Brown was accorded honorable mention on the All East Tennessee squad.

In 1932 James H. Galloway, of Rochester, N. Y., took over the coaching job vacated by Fred Kent. The same team, except for two or three players, was again captained by the writer, and it enjoyed a record of six wins and only a 13-0 loss to Knox County Industrial School.

The seasons of 1933 and 1934 were not impressive. Coaches James Roberts and Robert Baughman were handicapped by lack of material. The 1935 team coached by Jack Williams won four and lost one in a curtailed season, the only defeat coming at the hands of Everett in the season final. Coach J. T. Warren, son of deaf parents now living in Los Angeles, Calif., and a student at the University of Tennessee, produced excellent elevens in 1936 and 1937. During the season of 1936 Warren's team came out as the third undefeated team in the school's history in spite of a scoreless tie with Jefferson City. Outstanding performers were Joe

Bishop, Elbert Carr, Stafford Collins, John Poston, and Fred Smith. The highlight of the season was a 25-6 victory over the Kentucky School for the Deaf.

In 1938 the writer returned from Gallaudet College to replace Warren as coach. After two opening victories the season seemed encouraging until the school's valuable broken field runner, John Poston, suffered an injured thigh in practice. The remaining games were lost.

In 1939 Jess M. Smith, a graduate of Tennessee, was added to the coaching staff. Three seasons until 1942 were losing ones, producing only two wins. In 1941 the three first games were cancelled on account of the late opening of school, and thus the Tennessee School for the Deaf Vikings never had a chance to get into shape. The worst defeat was a 65-2 verdict rolled up by the Virginia School for the Deaf. In the season's final game the Vikings lost to the Georgia School for the Deaf, 7-0. World War II curtailed the season of 1942 to only six games, in which the Vikings broke even.

The season of 1943 was regarded mediocre until the last two games. The Vikings defeated Oak Ridge, 48-0, and Sweetwater, 77-6, with its new T-formation attack, within the span of four days. Their two outstanding linemen, P. A. Mathis and Buren McDonald participated in the City-County game sponsored by *The Knoxville News-Sentinel* for the benefit of the Empty Stocking Fund.

The seasons from 1944 until 1950 saw the Vikings rise to gridiron heights and during those six seasons the school won 37, lost 12, and tied 2. Captain P. A. Mathis' 1944 team gained an even break with four wins and four losses. Jackie Brackett, Buddy Clunan, and Nolan Swafford went across the Georgia School for the Deaf goal line for a 35-12 verdict while Georgia's outstanding performer was Odam, an all-state star. In the final state Litkenhous ratings the school was listed at 44.9.

The 1945 season was better, with a record of five victories, two losses, and a tie with a total of 229 points scored against 93 for the opponents. Outstanding backs were Jackie Brackett, Buddy Clunan, and Captain Nolan Swafford; outstanding linemen were Noble Powers, center; Leo Skelton, guard; Mathew Burns, guard; Jerry Slague, end. Skelton and Swafford made the *News-Sentinel's* 1945 East Tennessee third team.

In 1946 the Vikings played stronger teams than ever before since the Tennessee School for the Deaf moved to Island Home Park, winning 5, losing 3, and tying 1. Fullback Buddy Clunan has the honor of being the first gridster to score a touchdown against Clinton's

undefeated Dragons when he tallied in the first quarter which Clinton won, 26-13. The Dragons had to come from behind to win over the Vikings, who held a 7-6 margin at the first period closing and were tied at 13-13 at the half. In nine games Clinton had tallied 308 points while all the opposition had been able to score but 13 and they all went to the Vikings. Clunan was the school's first player to make the *News-Sentinel's* All-City first team in many years, and also was given honorable mention on the All East Tennessee squad. Hayden Phillips and Herman Williams, tackle and guard, received similar honors. Jackie Brackett was regarded one of the fastest and heaviest of the Vikings, while Franklin Willis began to gain recognition.

The 1947, 1948, and 1949 Vikings will go down in the school's annals of football as three of the greatest teams. This team reached its peak in 1947, making that the first perfect year since 1908. The record for the season is as follows:

TSD	OPP.
62—Jacksboro High School	0
47—Englewood High School	6
66—Sevierville High School	7
54—Porter High School	6
25—LaFollette High School	0
67—Mississippi School for Deaf	0
26—Clinton High School	7
34—Georgia School for Deaf	6

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According to *The Knoxville Journal*, in the game postponed to the following Monday on account of heavy rains, "Tennessee School for the Deaf proved it was every inch the brilliant outfit its record indicated in trimming the favored Dragons, 26-7." Franklin Willis who aided his team with two 75-yard touchdown runs, still calls it the best game he ever played. He was one of the most highly publicized football players of all time in East Tennessee, as well as among the nation's schools for the deaf. He weighed 172 pounds and stood 5 feet 10 inches. Prior to the 1947 season final game, the Georgia authorities threatened to cancel a planned trip of its team to Knoxville due to a one-year difference in age ranks and the Vikings' coaches agreed Captain Brackett and Bert Rains, the only two players concerned, would be withdrawn. Tennessee beat Georgia, 34-6. The *News-Sentinel* shows that Dr. E. E. Litkenhous gave the Tennessee School for the Deaf a 74.2 rating.

Several of the players were accorded places on all-star selections. Willis made the all-city first team, the All-Tennessee third team, honorable mention on the all-state squad, and a back-field position on the All-America Schools for the Deaf team. Other players given honorable mention were Paul Torbett, end; Jackie Brackett, half-back; Norris Green, tackle; James

Thompson, guard; Herman Williams, guard, and Donald Reaves, tackle.

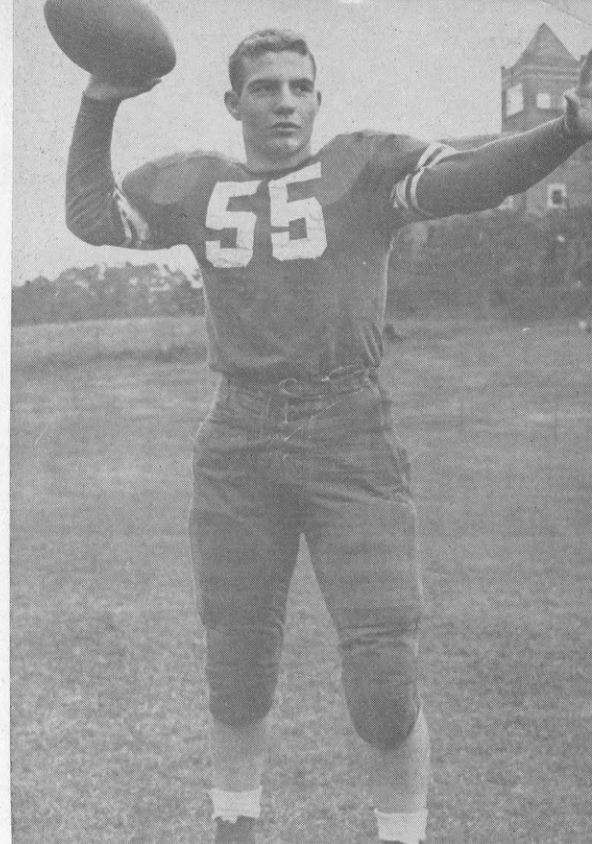
The 1948 team, with a loss of six men (Anderson, Brackett, Green, Rains, Thompson and Williams) had another successful season with a record of eight victories and one loss. They totalled 355 points in nine games and held the opponents to 18. The lone defeat was at the hands of underdog La Follette. In the fading minutes of that game the Vikings marched 60 yards to the Owls' one-yard in ankle-deep mud only to result in a fumble on the last play of the game. The Vikings' Litkenhous rating was 71.5. Don Reaves, Henry Rosemund, and Franklin Willis were selected on the 1948 *News-Sentinel* All-City team, while Paul Torbett and Franklin Willis made the All-America Schools for the Deaf teams selected by *The Cavalier* and *THE SILENT WORKER*. Most notable of all, *THE SILENT WORKER* selected the Vikings as the No. 1 school for the deaf team in the nation.

For the third straight campaign, in 1949, the Vikings fielded an outstanding football squad. Co-captains Rosemund and Willis led their mates to wins in seven encounters while dropping two. This brought the three-year record up to 23 triumphs against only three losses.

Fulback John Hindman was out for the season after the game with Lake City in which he suffered a broken collarbone. Willis injured his neck on La Follette's first running play and missed the entire first half. The highlight of the season was an intersectional encounter in which the Vikings defeated the Illinois School for the Deaf, 20-6, before the home-coming crowd. Willis gained recognition in having made *The Cavalier's* All American first team for three straight years and *THE SILENT WORKER's* twice. Henry Rosemund was named on the latter's, too. Tackle Ralph Martin and End Paul Torbett were placed on the second eleven while Neil Battle won honorable mention. Willis was accorded a berth on the *News-Sentinel's* All-City and All East Tennessee teams. The Vikings' state rating dropped to 66.9, according to Dr. Litkenhous final state list.

The large dailies in Memphis, Knoxville, and Nashville all gave frequent mention of the athletic feats of Franklin Willis and the fact that he made a four-year total of 321 points—51 touchdowns and 15 extra points—and also passed for 29 touchdowns and 13 extra points.

The season of 1950 was the darkest for Coaches Akin and Smith since they took over their jobs, for the whole 1949 team, plus four reserves, did not return. However, the Vikings held the Alabama School for the Deaf team to a 7-all tie in the former's homecoming



James Beeler, brilliant TSD halfback last year, who did everything well, and was named Player of the Year among nation's school for the deaf football players. He is the second TSD performer to receive the coveted award.

game, and their losing streak was broken by a 19-0 triumph over Kentucky School for the Deaf at Danville.

The 1951 team, captained by James Beeler, showed gradual improvement. Early that season TSD's 10-year gridiron dominance over other schools for the deaf was broken when the Vikings were defeated by Alabama, 37-7. They, however, edged North Carolina, 14-12.

Captain Keith Burke led his 1952 team to an outstanding season, winning 6, losing 2, and tying 1. James Beeler was the school's first player to be given recognition by *The Knoxville Journal* as the player of the week after a 19-0 upset of the South High Rockets. He was named on the *Journal's* and the *News-Sentinel's* All-City second team and also was given a berth on the latter's All East Tennessee third team and also received honorable mention on all-state team selected by the sports writers of Nashville, Memphis, Chattanooga, and Knoxville. Furthermore, Beeler made three All America Schools for the Deaf first teams selected by *The National Observer*, *The Frat*, and *THE SILENT WORKER*. Sports Editor Art Kruger announced in *THE SILENT WORKER* that Beeler had been named the Player of the Year of schools for the deaf in the nation. He is the second TSD player to receive that highest honor, whereas in 1949 the same editor called quarterback Franklin Willis the "brightest jewel of all and Gem of the Year."

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Question for This Month:

If you were to arrange T.V. programs about the deaf, what would you do to make them entertaining as well as educational?

A television program about the deaf, aiming, I presume, at the general enlightenment of the public at large who know little or nothing at all about the deaf, would require two prerequisites. First, it must be novel *entertainment* and it must start off in such a way that the viewer will not be tempted to turn to another channel. Secondly, its underlying theme of *information* should call for "interesting facts," not a mass of statistics. Remember, the ordinary T.V. audience is there primarily for recreation, and not to be lectured at.

Since I am deaf, and therefore too close to the heart of the matter to remain sufficiently uninterested, I put the query to some people who had not been connected to the deaf in any way prior to meeting me . . . as to what facts, if any, they would most like to know about the deaf, as a whole. Their answers can roughly be divided into two classifications, as follows:

1. *Psychological and social aspects*

a. Entertainment—what the deaf do outside of reading; what their parties are like; what games children play, etc.

b. Adjustment—is adjustment ever so complete that there is no feeling of "missing" anything, or is it a matter of resigning oneself to the unalterable, or is it a handicap socially? Do other senses become sharper? etc.

2. *Education and means of communication*

a. What schools they go to—methods used for communication, etc.

b. Sign language—how is it used?

c. Lipreading—universally easy? How long does it take to learn; can you read anyone's lips?

d. Benefits, if any, from regular classes . . .

The easiest and clearest way to get over some of these facts would be to tell a story. An interpreter's voice in the background would tell the meanings of signs used. Start with the engagement or marriage scene of a deaf couple, an either by flashbacks or reminiscing of the couple, tell the story.

One of the two could be born deaf, the other could become deafened through sickness. You might have the two going to different schools, one to a residential one . . . the other to a day school. One could learn by the sign

language, the other, by oral means . . . but they fall in love, the oralist would learn to sign, too. Here, the interpreter could insert some remarks apropos of adjustment, etc., and the reason why most deaf prefer sign language to oralism, at least, among themselves. You could have the couple go to a party, meet each other, fall in love, and get engaged. The old reliable Boy Meets Girl theme, presented in a new way. There should, of course, be not too much of anything and the m.c. or interpreter should not bog the play with too many educational remarks.

I am afraid this letter is too long to be printed in its entirety, but I felt that there should be a reason given for such a play. We, who are too close to the problem, often forget to get off and take a fresh perspective, or lose sight of the fact that simple, educative facts about the deaf are really unknown to most people.

LILLIAN HAHN SKINNER

Los Angeles, California

This is an interesting question, indeed, since I have just completed an assignment as Technical Adviser for the Gross-Krasne Studios, who produce "Big Town." The story is called "Justice is Mute." This has to do with a deaf man who becomes involved in an automobile accident. I don't want to give away the rest of the plot—since you and your friends will enjoy this half-hour show when it is released some time in December or January. I plan to send out the exact dates when the film may be seen. It is also released under the title "Heart of the City."

Your question could be interpreted in a number of ways and I am not sure what you have in mind. If you are speaking of the responsibility of arranging television programs within a school for the deaf by someone who is in charge, that is one problem. I am inclined to think, however, that you want to know what I would do, if I had the opportunity, to make television more interesting for the deaf.

The obvious thing to do would be to present everything on television in the sign language, but this is also slightly ridiculous, since it is still a hearing world. We can do something about it, however. When you and your friends see a program in which one of the parts calls for a deaf person (and possibly

the use of the sign language as a consequence) it would be most effective if the producers or the sponsors of the show could be thanked. You could encourage them to produce more *entertainment* in which deaf people and the sign language play a part. This is the type of stimulation that would make it possible for the deaf to see the things they like. Producers will give the people the kind of entertainment they want, but they have no way of knowing unless you write and tell them.

A series of thirteen half-hour shows about a man who loses his hearing and his problems of adjustment with the deaf is now in the hands of a Hollywood agency. This is called "Journey into Silence" and if it is sold to a sponsor, it will be given nation-wide distribution, so that all the deaf may see it. It was written for a hearing audience, but since sign language plays a major part in many of the scenes, it should be interesting to the deaf. If this story ever reaches the television screen, it is my hope that the deaf will get behind it and show their appreciation to the producers and the sponsors.

I can see a possibility of presenting an entire play in the sign language by a group of deaf people who have sufficient acting ability. This would have to be done on a professional basis and would require the close cooperation of some producer who might be interested. Should such a group feel stimulated to present a project of this kind, it should be made into a pilot film first, so that it can be shown to prospective producers and sponsors.

Super-imposed dialog can be flashed on the television screen as the story progresses. This is fine for the deaf, but I don't believe that television producers in general will ever adopt it, since it would be quite objectionable to hearing people. The techniques for making television shows are improving daily and I believe these improvements will do more to make television acceptable to the deaf than anything that the deaf themselves can do.

V. A. BECKER

Los Angeles, California

Titling a program "Hands in Action" appeals to me best. No, not showing the person, just the hands. Like holding and steering a car, operating an industrial machine, a chalk-talk by the artist and the like. The viewer would hear a sound track at the beginning explaining the hands belong to deaf persons. Conclusions drawn would be his own as to the degree of ability the person has. Entertaining as well as educational, don't you agree?

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